

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MISSION

The New York State Board of Elections executes and enforces all laws relating to the elective franchise and oversees the disclosure of campaign financing and practices.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The State Board of Elections is comprised of four commissioners, two chosen by each major political party, and is supported by a workforce of 42. The Board administers provisions of the Election Law regarding campaign financial disclosure, including civil judgments levied for failure to file disclosure documents; oversees the petitioning process and certification of ballots; investigates allegations of criminal violations of the Election Law and recommends prosecution where warranted; and certifies electronic voting machines purchased by local Boards of Elections and tests each machine upon delivery. The Board also assists County Boards of Elections by completing administrative reviews, assisting in resolving complaints, and producing reports and recommendations.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Board receives more than 99 percent of its funding from the General Fund and less than 1 percent from a fee imposed upon prospective vendors of electronic voting machines and ballot-counting devices.

The Executive Budget recommends \$3.1 million in General Fund support for the Board of Elections. This funding will permit the Board to continue to carry out its various responsibilities related to the electoral process, including the Board's voter outreach activities and its interaction with local Boards of Elections.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past 25 years, the scope of the Board's services has grown to include providing legal counsel to 62 County Boards of Election, administering registration efforts, providing technical assistance to administrators of elections, and investigating violations of the Election Law.

A priority for the Board is expanding the use of modern technology in both its own operations and those of local Boards. In 1997, the agency began to develop an automated system for the electronic filing of campaign financial disclosure statements, which became operational in July 1999. Campaign financial statements are now readily accessible at the State Board's Internet web site, which has received more than 40,000 inquiries since July.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

Category	Available 1999-00	Appropriations Recommended 2000-01	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2000-01
State Operations	\$3,107,000	\$3,132,100	+\$25,100
Aid To Localities
Capital Projects
Total	<u>\$3,107,000</u>	<u>\$3,132,100</u>	<u>+\$25,100</u>	<u>....</u>

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ALL FUND TYPES LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	2000-01 Recommended Average Fill Level				Change
	Available 1999-00	Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 2000-01	
Regulation of Elections General Fund	46	46	....	46	....
Total	46	46	....	46	....

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
General Fund	\$3,087,000	\$3,112,100	+\$25,100
Special Revenue Funds - Other	20,000	20,000	....
Total	\$3,107,000	\$3,132,100	+\$25,100

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Program	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
Regulation of Elections General Fund	\$3,087,000	\$3,112,100	+\$25,100
Special Revenue Funds - Other	20,000	20,000	....
Total	\$3,107,000	\$3,132,100	+\$25,100

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL AND OFFSET FUNDS SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	\$2,297,100	+\$210,100	\$2,297,100	+\$210,100
Total	\$2,297,100	+\$210,100	\$2,297,100	+\$210,100

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	\$815,000	-\$185,000	\$815,000	+\$82,000
Total	\$815,000	-\$185,000	\$815,000	+\$82,000

**STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2000-01 RECOMMENDED**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Maintenance Undistributed Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Regulation of Elections	\$20,000	....	\$20,000	....
Total	\$20,000	....	\$20,000	....

