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. 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. The Board also assists County Boards of Elections by completing administrative reviews, assisting in resolving complaints and producing reports and recommendations.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2009-10 Executive Budget recommends $**19.9 million All Funds** ($7.4 million General Fund; $12.5 million Other Funds) for the State Board of Elections. This is a decrease of **$2.7 million All Funds** ($2.2 million General Fund decrease; $3.0 million Other Funds increase; and a $3.5 million Federal Funds decrease). The Board will have a workforce of **63 FTEs**, a decrease of **20 FTEs** from 2008-09. The General Fund decrease reflects the elimination of vacant positions, the in-sourcing of support and maintenance of the statewide voter registration database and administrative savings initiatives.

Major budget actions include:
- ➢ **Help America Vote Act.** The Budget continues funding for the certification and purchase of Help America Vote Act (HAVA) compliant voting machines and continues $7.5 million in funding for poll site accessibility projects. The Budget recommends reappropriations of over $197 million in unspent funds for the HAVA.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past 30 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, investigating violations of the Election Law and coordinating the State's responses to new Federal election requirements.

New York continues to work toward full compliance with HAVA and achieved a major milestone with the successful deployment in 2007 of the Statewide Voter Registration Database. In response to a Federal Court order, New York is moving towards full compliance with HAVA's voting machine requirements, to that end, the State Board approved for use, ballot marking devices which provide private and

independent access to the voting process for voters with disabilities. In 2008, the State Board tested and accepted, and counties deployed, over 7,000 ballot marking devices in the Fall 2008 primary and general elections.

ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Category	Available 2008-09	Appropriations Recommended 2009-10	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2009-10
State Operations	11,581,000	12,395,000	814,000	17,000,000
Aid To Localities	11,000,000	7,500,000	(3,500,000)	185,214,000
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	22,581,000	19,895,000	(2,686,000)	202,214,000

ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2008-09 Estimated FTEs 03/31/09	2009-10 Estimated FTEs 03/31/10	FTE Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing			
General Fund	21	0	(21)
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	62	63	1
Total	83	63	(20)

STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2008-09	Recommended 2009-10	Change
General Fund	9,581,000	7,395,000	(2,186,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	2,000,000	5,000,000	3,000,000
Total	11,581,000	12,395,000	814,000

Adjustments:
Transfer(s) From
  Special Pay Bill
    General Fund (255,000)
Appropriated 2008-09 11,326,000

STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available 2008-09	Recommended 2009-10	Change
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	9,581,000	7,395,000	(2,186,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	2,000,000	5,000,000	3,000,000
Total	11,581,000	12,395,000	814,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2009-10 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	3,921,000	(1,330,000)	3,897,000	(1,285,000)
Total	3,921,000	(1,330,000)	3,897,000	(1,285,000)

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	16,000	(45,000)	8,000	0
Total	16,000	(45,000)	8,000	0

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2009-10 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	3,474,000	(856,000)	176,000	(74,000)
Total	3,474,000	(856,000)	176,000	(74,000)

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	128,000	3,000	2,924,000	(791,000)
Total	128,000	3,000	2,924,000	(791,000)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	246,000	6,000
Total	246,000	6,000

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2009-10 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	5,000,000	3,000,000	5,000,000	3,000,000
Total	5,000,000	3,000,000	5,000,000	3,000,000

AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2008-09	Recommended 2009-10	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	11,000,000	7,500,000	(3,500,000)
Total	11,000,000	7,500,000	(3,500,000)

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ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available 2008-09	Recommended 2009-10	Change
Regulation of Elections			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	11,000,000	7,500,000	(3,500,000)
Total	11,000,000	7,500,000	(3,500,000)