

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 recommended 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 24 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 of the Board is expanding the use of modern technology in both its own operations and those of local boards. In 1997, the agency began a two year initiative to develop an automated system for the electronic filing of campaign financial disclosure statements which will become operational in January 1999. This effort will promote timely disclosure of campaign information to the public by making the data available on the Internet.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

Category	Available 1998-99	Appropriations Recommended 1999-00	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 1999-00
State Operations	\$3,107,300	\$3,107,000	-\$300
Aid To Localities
Capital Projects
Total	<u>\$3,107,300</u>	<u>\$3,107,000</u>	<u>-\$300</u>	<u>. . . .</u>

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ALL FUND TYPES LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	1999-00 Recommended Average Fill Level				Change
	Available 1998-99	Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 1999-00	
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 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
General Fund	\$3,067,300	\$3,087,000	+ \$19,700
Special Revenue Funds — Other	40,000	20,000	-20,000
Total	\$3,107,300	\$3,107,000	-\$300

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Program	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
Regulation of Elections General Fund	\$3,067,300	\$3,087,000	+ \$19,700
Special Revenue Funds — Other	40,000	20,000	-20,000
Total	\$3,107,300	\$3,107,000	-\$300

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 1999-00 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	\$2,087,000	+ \$51,700	\$2,087,000	+ \$51,700
Total	\$2,087,000	+ \$51,700	\$2,087,000	+ \$51,700

**STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
1999-00 RECOMMENDED**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Contractual Services</u>	
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Regulation of Elections	\$1,000,000		-\$32,000	\$733,000	-\$32,000
Total	<u>\$1,000,000</u>		<u>-\$32,000</u>	<u>\$733,000</u>	<u>-\$32,000</u>

<u>Program</u>	<u>Maintenance Undistributed</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Regulation of Elections	\$267,000
Total	<u>\$267,000</u>	<u>. . . .</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
1999-00 RECOMMENDED**

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