

# 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 \$3.6 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 26 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 July 1999, the agency implemented a system for the electronic filing of campaign financial disclosure statements, which are now readily accessible at the Board's internet web site. The web site has received approximately 1.1 million inquiries since January 2000.

### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Appropriations Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations Recommended 2001-02</u>
State Operations	3,338,100	3,625,000	286,900	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>3,338,100</u>	<u>3,625,000</u>	<u>286,900</u>	<u>0</u>

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

### Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

<u>Program</u>	<u>2000-01 Estimated FTEs 03/31/01</u>	<u>2001-02 Estimated FTEs 03/31/02</u>	<u>FTE Change</u>
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	46	46	0
Total	<u>46</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>0</u>

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

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	3,318,100	3,605,000	286,900
Special Revenue Funds - Other	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>3,338,100</u>	<u>3,625,000</u>	<u>286,900</u>

Adjustments:

Transfer(s) From	
Special Pay Bill	
General Fund	<u>(206,000)</u>
Appropriated 2000-01	<u>3,132,100</u>

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

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	3,318,100	3,605,000	286,900
Special Revenue Funds - Other	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>3,338,100</u>	<u>3,625,000</u>	<u>286,900</u>

## STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2001-02 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Personal Service</u>		<u>Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Regulation of Elections	<u>2,466,000</u>	<u>(37,100)</u>	<u>2,466,000</u>	<u>(37,100)</u>
Total	<u>2,466,000</u>	<u>(37,100)</u>	<u>2,466,000</u>	<u>(37,100)</u>

## STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2001-02 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Nonpersonal Service</u>		<u>Contractual Services</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Regulation of Elections	<u>1,139,000</u>	<u>324,000</u>	<u>1,139,000</u>	<u>324,000</u>
Total	<u>1,139,000</u>	<u>324,000</u>	<u>1,139,000</u>	<u>324,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2001-02 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Maintenance Undistributed</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Regulation of Elections	<u>20,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>20,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>0</u>