

# 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, comprised of four commissioners, two chosen by each major political party, 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. The Board will have a workforce of 62 in 2006-07.

## FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends over \$4.6 million in General Fund support for the Board of Elections and includes a total of \$237 million in appropriations for the implementation of the Help America Vote Act. This funding will permit the Board to continue to carry out its various responsibilities related to the electoral process, including HAVA initiatives and the development of a local campaign report database, as well as voter outreach activities and interaction with local Boards of Elections.

## 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.

The Federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 provides Federal funding for State and local election related initiatives including modernizing voting machines, developing a statewide voter registration database, training poll workers, providing voter education and assuring accessibility for the disabled.

A priority of the Board remains the continued use of technology to provide services and information to local election boards and the public. Financial disclosure reports and election information on the Board's web site are accessed by an estimated 10 million requestors annually.

### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2005-06	Appropriations Recommended 2006-07	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2006-07
State Operations	31,929,000	14,888,000	(17,041,000)	27,700,000
Aid To Localities	200,000,000	0	(200,000,000)	200,000,000
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	231,929,000	14,888,000	(217,041,000)	227,700,000

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

**Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>2005-06 Estimated FTEs 03/31/06</b>	<b>2006-07 Estimated FTEs 03/31/07</b>	<b>FTE Change</b>
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	43	53	10
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	4	9	5
Total	<u>47</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>15</u>

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

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Available 2005-06</b>	<b>Recommended 2006-07</b>	<b>Change</b>
General Fund	4,109,000	4,688,000	579,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20,000,000	10,000,000	(10,000,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	7,820,000	200,000	(7,620,000)
Total	<u>31,929,000</u>	<u>14,888,000</u>	<u>(17,041,000)</u>

Adjustments:

Recommended Deficiency	
Elections, State Board of	
General Fund	(500,000)
Appropriated 2005-06	<u>31,429,000</u>

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

<b>Program</b>	<b>Available 2005-06</b>	<b>Recommended 2006-07</b>	<b>Change</b>
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	4,109,000	4,688,000	579,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20,000,000	10,000,000	(10,000,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	7,820,000	200,000	(7,620,000)
Total	<u>31,929,000</u>	<u>14,888,000</u>	<u>(17,041,000)</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2006-07 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Regulation of Elections	3,130,000	544,000	3,130,000	544,000
Total	<u>3,130,000</u>	<u>544,000</u>	<u>3,130,000</u>	<u>544,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2006-07 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Contractual Services</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Regulation of Elections	1,558,000	35,000	1,558,000	35,000
Total	<u>1,558,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>1,558,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2006-07 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	10,200,000	(17,620,000)	10,200,000	(17,620,000)
Total	10,200,000	(17,620,000)	10,200,000	(17,620,000)

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

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Available 2005-06</b>	<b>Recommended 2006-07</b>	<b>Change</b>
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	200,000,000	0	(200,000,000)
Total	200,000,000	0	(200,000,000)

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Available 2005-06</b>	<b>Recommended 2006-07</b>	<b>Change</b>
Regulation of Elections			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	200,000,000	0	(200,000,000)
Total	200,000,000	0	(200,000,000)