

# **Election Commission**

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**2019 Budget Overview**

**Finance & Personnel Committee**

**October 8, 2018**

# Objectives

## Conduct fair, accurate, and transparent elections

Key Performance Measures	2017 Actual	2018 Projected	2019 Projected
100% of voter registration data entered in compliance with State mandated legal deadlines	100%	100%	100%
Number of disenfranchised and provisional ballot voters	133	35	<10
Mail all absentee ballots within 48 hours of request receipt.	100%	100%	100%
Maintain average wait at voting sites to under 15 minutes	90%	80%	100%
Programming and ballot printing with 100% accuracy	100%	90%	100%
Publish election results within 60 minutes of polls closing and reviewed with 100% accuracy prior to official State canvas	88%	90%	95%

# 2019 Budget Summary

	2018 ADOPTED BUDGET	2019 PROPOSED BUDGET	DIFFERENCE (AMOUNT, %)
FTEs - O&M	70.38	11.63	-58.75 (-83%)
FTEs - Other	-	-	-
Total Position Authorized	2,262	1,517	-775 (-33%)
Salaries & Wages	\$2,044,066	\$860,960	-\$1,183,106 (-58%)
Fringe Benefits	\$228,372	\$218,105	-\$10,267 (-4%)
Operating Expenditures	\$599,531	\$232,637	-\$366,894 (-61%)
Equipment	-	-	-
Special Funds	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,871,969</b>	<b>\$1,311,702</b>	<b>-\$1,560,267 (-54%)</b>

# 2019 Election Cycle

## Two elections scheduled in 2019:

### ❑ Spring Primary

- Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>
- 2019 Projected Turnout = 35,000
- 2015 Actual = 23,875 \* Not City-Wide
- 2017 Actual = 30,602

### ❑ Spring Election

- Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 2019 Projected Turnout = 50,000
- 2015 Actual = 40,799
- 2017 Actual = 45,780
- Local Elections include:
  - ✓ *Milwaukee Public School Board Districts – 1, 2, 3, 8 and at large*
  - ✓ *Municipal Judge – Branches 2 and 3*

# 2019 Budget Highlights

- ❑ Maximize awareness of and access to Wisconsin's new online voter registration system
  - [www.myvote.Wi.Gov](http://www.myvote.Wi.Gov) 
- ❑ Compliance with Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act
- ❑ Accommodation for :
  - Federal DOJ Accessibility Audits of all Polling Places
- ❑ Record maintenance for significant 2018 voter registration and absentee ballot activity
- ❑ Prepare for 2020 election cycle, including Spring Election cycle with local elected offices and Fall Presidential Election

# Future Challenges

- ❑ Election law changes that impact voter participation
  - Including redistricting (settlement), IPAV (hours and expanded sites), registration residency requirements, etc.
- ❑ Staff retirements and loss of expertise
- ❑ Recruitment and retention of election workers
- ❑ Effectively communicating information on changes to voting laws to the public
- ❑ Impact of DOJ Accessibility Audits on Polling Place assignments