
2015 Overview: Election Commission

**Finance & Personnel Committee
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Objectives

Conduct fair, accurate, and transparent elections:

Measure	2013 Actual	2014 Planned	2015 Projection
Process 100% of voter registrations in a prompt and timely manner.	100%	100%	100%
Mail all absentee ballot requests within 72 hours of receipt.	85%	100%	100%
Maintain an average wait time at voting sites of less than 15 minutes.	20 minutes	15 minutes	15 minutes
Elections programming occurs with 100% accuracy.	100%	100%	100%
Election results are reviewed with 100% accuracy prior to the State's official canvass.	100%	100%	100%

2015 Budget Summary

	2014 ADOPTED BUDGET	2015 PROPOSED BUDGET	DIFFERENCE (amount)
FTEs – O&M	38.64	11.66	-20.78
FTEs - Other	0	0	0
Total Position Authorized	2389	823	-1566
Salaries & Wages	\$1,864,184	\$890,480	\$-976,512
Fringe Benefits	\$181,011	\$181,739	\$-7,005
Operating Expenditures	\$631,000	\$366,750	\$-299,000
Equipment	0	0	0
Special Funds	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$2,676,195	\$1,438,969	\$-1,282,517

2015 Election Cycle

- **Spring Primary**
 - Tuesday, February 17th
 - Projected Turnout = 5% (16,500)

- **Spring Election**
 - Tuesday, April 7th
 - Projected Turnout = 10% (33,000)

2015 Budget Highlights:

- Replacing Voting Machines
 - ❑ \$1.5 million in capital for replacing voting machines
 - ❑ Purchase 200 machines and 2 processors for Central Count
 - ❑ Plan to purchase in January and implement in February

- Potential collaboration with Milwaukee County
 - ❑ Uniform voting equipment proposal for all municipalities in Milwaukee County
 - ❑ City of Milwaukee programs voting equipment potentially for all municipalities and County
 - ❑ Fee-for-service reimbursement to Milwaukee would reduce county-wide costs while upgrading and standardizing equipment

2015 Budget Highlights:

- Relocation of Municipal Warehouse
 - ❑ Water Works property acquired for \$500,000
 - ❑ Election Commission will pay over 10 years
 - ❑ Water Works will continue to use property for large meter testing
 - ❑ Transition to property will occur after Spring Election

- Reduce Data Management costs
 - ❑ Vendor contract reduced costs
 - ❑ Election Commission staff perform more functions for Statewide Voter Registration System

Future Challenges

- Challenges to election laws could impact voter participation
- Changing election laws and rules makes poll worker recruitment and retention more difficult
- Training election workers to understand polling place procedures and changes in election laws, and efficiently integrating these changes into Election Day activities
- Promote awareness and understanding of new Voter ID and voter registration requirements
- Implementing use of new voting equipment