

Election Commission

2018 Budget Overview

Finance & Personnel Committee

October 10, 2017

Objectives

Conduct fair, accurate, and transparent elections

Measure	2016 Actual	2017 Planned	2018 Planned
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	<150
Respond to absentee ballot requests within 48 hours	100%	100%	100%
Maintain average wait at voting sites to under 15 minutes	70%	95%	80%
Programming and ballot printing with 100% accuracy	100%	100%	100%
Publish election results within 60 minutes of polls closing and reviewed with 100% accuracy prior to official State canvas	88%	94%	95%

2018 Budget Summary

	2017 ADOPTED BUDGET	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET	DIFFERENCE (amount)
FTEs – O&M	34.58	69.38	34.80
FTEs - Other	0	0	0
Total Position Authorized	820	2,261	1,441
Salaries & Wages	\$887,133	\$2,009,942	\$1,122,809
Fringe Benefits	\$200,703	\$212,675	\$11,972
Operating Expenditures	\$310,000	\$562,269	\$252,269
Equipment	0	0	0
Special Funds	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$1,397,836	\$2,784,886	\$1,387,050

2018 Election Cycle



Four elections scheduled in 2018:

- ❑ Spring Primary
 - Tuesday, February 20th
 - 2018 Projected Turnout = 45,000
 - 2014 Actual = No Primary

- ❑ Spring General
 - Tuesday, April 3rd
 - 2018 Projected Turnout = 75,000 (Includes County Supervisor race)
 - 2014 Actual = 28,818
 - Spring Contest to includes:
 - ✓ *State Supreme Court,*
 - ✓ *Court Of Appeals and Circuit Court*
 - ✓ *Sales Tax Referendum Question*

2018 Election Cycle



□ Fall Primary

- Tuesday, August 14th
- 2018 Projected Turnout = 65,000
- 2014 Actuals = 65,640

□ Fall General


- Tuesday, November 6th
- 2018 Projected Turnout = 210,000
- 2014 Actuals = 208,415
- Fall Contest to include:
 - ✓ *Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General*
 - ✓ *State Treasurer, Secretary of State*
 - ✓ *State Senate(District 3, 5, 7), State Assembly(all Districts)*
 - ✓ *County Supervisors (all Districts)*

2018 Budget Highlights

- ❑ Maintain additional Program Assistant position
 - Enable compliance with new Voting Rights Act provisions regarding bilingual election workers
 - Lead in poll worker recruitment, training and retention from General Election to General Election

- ❑ Accommodation for :
 - Federal Department of Justice Accessibility Audits of all Polling Places
 - Record maintenance for significant 2016 voter registration and absentee ballot activity

2018 Budget Highlights

- ❑ Expand In-Person Absentee Voting sites from 3 to 5
 - Sites open 4-6 weeks prior to the November General Election
- ❑ Maximize awareness of and access to Wisconsin's new on-line voter registration system
 - 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

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
- ❑ Elimination of Special Registration Deputy (SRD) program and impact on pre-election voter registration during high turnout elections

Presentation Concluded !

