
2014 Overview: Election Commission

**Finance & Personnel Committee
October 10, 2013**

Objectives

Conduct fair, accurate, and transparent elections:

Measure	2012 Actual	2013 Planned	2014 Planned
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	5 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%

2014 Election Cycle

- **Spring Primary**
 - Tuesday, February 18th
 - Estimated Turnout = 20,000
- **Spring Election**
 - Tuesday, April 1st
 - Estimated Turnout = 25,000
- **Fall Primary**
 - Tuesday, August 12th
 - Estimated Turnout = 75,000
- **Fall General Election**
 - Tuesday, November 4th
 - Estimated Turnout = 280,000

2014 Budget Summary

	2013 ADOPTED BUDGET	2014 PROPOSED BUDGET	DIFFERENCE (amount)
FTEs – O&M	8.81	38.64	29.83
FTEs - Other	0	0	0
Total Position Authorized	829	2389	1560
Salaries & Wages	\$870,867	\$1,864,184	\$993,317
Fringe Benefits	\$185,412	\$181,011	\$4,401
Operating Expenditures	\$315,400	\$631,000	\$315,600
Equipment	0	0	0
Special Funds	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$1,371,679	\$2,676,195	\$1,304,516

2014 Budget Highlights:

- Section 203 Compliance
 - \$25,000 for a bilingual election worker recruitment, training and compliance consultant
- Training and Pay of poll workers:
 - Training cost increase by \$400,000
 - More staff needed at voting sites due anticipated higher turnouts
- Data Management costs reduced
 - Vendor contract reduced
 - Election Commission staff perform more functions for Statewide Voter Registration System

Future Challenges

- Replacing Voting Machines
 - Machines may need to be replaced in 2015
 - Replacement could occur in 2014 with Milwaukee County
- State Legislation
 - Possible changes in Voter ID regulations and other key aspects of election administration.
- Continued Compliance with Section 203
 - We have to continue to make an investment to ensure that the city to be in compliance.