

Election Commission

2017 Budget Overview

Finance & Personnel Committee

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Objectives

Conduct fair, accurate, and transparent elections:

Measure	2015 Actual	2016 Planned	2017 Planned
Enter 100% of voter registration applications and complete all data maintenance in a manner that is in compliance with deadlines mandated by state law.	100%	100%	100%
Minimize the number of disenfranchised and provisional ballot voters by providing a public education campaign on voter registration and photo ID requirements.	10	<150	<5
Respond to all absentee ballot requests within 24 hours of receipt, including permanent, regular, overseas and military.	100%	100%	100%
Maintain an average wait time at voting sites of less than 15 minutes.	100%	80%	100%
Elections programming and ballot printing occurs with 100% accuracy.	100%	100%	100%
Election results are published within 60 minutes of the closing of polls and reviewed with 100% accuracy prior to the state's official canvass.	100%	94%	100%

2017 Budget Summary

	2016 ADOPTED BUDGET	2017 PROPOSED BUDGET	DIFFERENCE (amount)
FTEs – O&M	76.87	34.58	-42.29
FTEs - Other	0	0	0
Total Position Authorized	2473	820	-1653
Salaries & Wages	\$1,984,829	\$887,133	\$-1,097,696
Fringe Benefits	\$214,665	\$200,703	\$-13,962
Operating Expenditures	\$679,225	\$310,000	\$-369,225
Equipment	0	0	0
Special Funds	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$2,878,719	\$1,397,836	\$-1,480,883

2017 Election Cycle

- ❑ Two elections are scheduled in 2017:
 - Spring Primary
 - Tuesday, February 21st
 - Projected Turnout = 35,000 (10%)
 - Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote
 - Tuesday, April 4th
 - Projected Turnout = 75,000 (22%)
 - Contest to includes:
 - ✓ *State Superintendent,*
 - ✓ *State Justice of the Supreme Court,*
 - ✓ *Circuit Court Branches,*
 - ✓ *School Board Districts 4, 5, 6 and 7*

2017 Budget Highlights:

- ❑ Continuation of New Program Assistant Position
 - To enable compliance with new Voting Rights Act provisions regarding bilingual election workers
 - To 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

Future Challenges

- ❑ Potential impact of DOJ Accessibility Audits on Polling Place assignments
- ❑ Additional challenges to election laws that could further impact voter participation
- ❑ Elimination of Special Registration Deputy (SRD) program and consequence to pre-election voter registration
- ❑ Phasing in on-line voter registration and potential for limitations
- ❑ In preparation for 2017, continued advocacy with the Wisconsin Legislature for expansion of In-Person Absentee Voting to true Early Voting