

# State Election Board

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**Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Oklahoma State Election Board is to achieve and maintain uniformity in the application, operation and interpretation of the state and federal election laws with a maximum degree of correctness, impartiality and efficiency.

| FY'14 Budgeted FTE             |             |            |              |              |                 |                 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                | Supervisors | Classified | Unclassified | \$0 - \$35 K | \$35 K - \$70 K | \$70 K - \$\$\$ |
| Administration/Data Processing | 6           | 16         | 6            | 8            | 12              | 2               |
| Election Management            |             |            |              |              |                 |                 |
| Voter Outreach                 |             |            |              |              |                 |                 |
| Voter Registration             |             |            |              |              |                 |                 |
| HAVA Title III                 |             |            |              |              |                 |                 |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>6</b>    | <b>16</b>  | <b>6</b>     | <b>8</b>     | <b>12</b>       | <b>2</b>        |

| FTE History                    |            |           |           |           |           |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                | 2014 (Est) | 2013      | 2009      | 2008      | 2004      |
| Administration/Data Processing | 22         | 17        | 22        | 23        | 22        |
| Election Management            |            | 0         | 0         | 0         |           |
| Voter Outreach                 |            | 0         | 0         | 0         |           |
| Voter Registration             |            | 0         | 0         | 0         |           |
| HAVA Title III                 |            | 0         | 0         | 0         |           |
|                                |            | 0         | 0         | 0         |           |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>22</b>  | <b>17</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>22</b> |

| FY'14 Projected Division/Program Funding By Source |                    |                    |                  |            |            |                     |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
|  | Appropriations     | Federal            | Revolving        | Local      | Other*     | Total               |
| Administration/Data Processing                     | \$5,130,000        | \$367,000          | \$201,000        |            |            | \$5,698,000         |
| Election Management                                | \$1,953,000        |                    |                  |            |            | \$1,953,000         |
| Voter Outreach                                     |                    |                    | \$145,000        |            |            | \$145,000           |
| Voter Registration                                 | \$309,000          |                    |                  |            |            | \$309,000           |
| HAVA Title III                                     |                    | \$6,137,000        |                  |            |            | \$6,137,000         |
| Data Processing                                    | \$414,000          |                    |                  |            |            | \$414,000           |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>\$7,806,000</b> | <b>\$6,504,000</b> | <b>\$346,000</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$14,656,000</b> |

\*Source of "Other" and % of "Other" total for each.

| FY'13 Carryover by Funding Source |                |         |           |       |        |             |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------|-----------|-------|--------|-------------|
|                                   | Appropriations | Federal | Revolving | Local | Other* | Total       |
| FY'14 Carryover                   | \$1,654,000    | \$0     | \$0       | \$0   | \$0    | \$1,654,000 |

\*Source of "Other" and % of "Other" total for each.

| What Changes did the Agency Make between FY'13 and FY'14  |
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| <p><b>1.) Are there any services no longer provided because of budget cuts?</b><br/>                     No services have been eliminated. Four staff positions have been left vacant. Travel has been limited to necessary maintenance and training. Printing and postage costs have been reduced through use of e-mail and the agency website.</p> <p><b>2.) What services are provided at a higher cost to the user?</b><br/>                     No fees are charged for voter registration or voting. Candidate filing fees, which used to be refunded to many candidates, are now retained by the agency and used for some costs of election conduct. This change became effective in 2010. (HB 3261)</p> <p><b>3.) What services are still provided but with a slower response rate?</b><br/>                     Response rates have not changed.</p> |

| FY'15 Requested Division/Program Funding By Source |                    |                    |                  |            |                     |              |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|
|  | Appropriations     | Federal            | Revolving        | Other      | Total               | % Change     |
| Administration/Data Processing*                    | \$4,977,000        | \$367,000          | \$201,000        |            | \$5,545,000         | -2.69%       |
| Election Management*                               | \$2,300,000        |                    |                  |            | \$2,300,000         | 17.77%       |
| Voter Outreach                                     |                    |                    | \$145,000        |            | \$145,000           | 0.00%        |
| Voter Registration                                 | \$309,000          |                    |                  |            | \$309,000           | 0.00%        |
| HAVA Title III **                                  |                    | \$6,137,000        |                  |            | \$6,137,000         | 0.00%        |
| Data Processing                                    | \$414,000          |                    |                  |            | \$414,000           | 0.00%        |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>\$8,000,000</b> | <b>\$6,504,000</b> | <b>\$346,000</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$14,850,000</b> | <b>1.32%</b> |

\*Source of "Other" and % of "Other" total for each. \* Note: Of the total request of \$8,000,000, \$3,000,000 is requested in cash.  
\*\*Note: The agency has also requested \$4,939,000 to replace interest on federal funds and state matching funds that was placed in the General Fund.

| FY'15 Top Five Appropriation Funding Requests                    |                    |
|--|--------------------|
|  | \$ Amount          |
| Fund 2014 Elections  | \$347,000          |
| Adjust Funding of Administration & Election Management Divisions | -\$153,000         |
| Replace Interest on Federal Funds and State Matching Funds       | \$4,939,000        |
| <b>Total:</b>  | <b>\$5,133,000</b> |

**How would the agency handle a 3% appropriation reduction in FY'15?**  
A reduction of 3% would be approximately \$234,000. Adjustments might include providing fewer Precinct Officials in the 2014 Runoff Primary and leaving a staff position vacant that otherwise could be filled.

**How would the agency handle a 5% appropriation reduction in FY'15?**  
A reduction of 5% would be approximately \$390,000. A cut of this size could affect our ability to adequately staff polling places in the 2014 General Election and the extent of the training that could be provided for these workers. The number of precincts in the state was reduced by 8.5% during the redrawing of precinct lines in 2011. This will reduce costs in most elections, but it also increases the number of voters in many precincts, hence the need to provide adequate staffing and training.

| Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY'15? |           |
|--|-----------|
|  | \$ Amount |
| N/A  | \$0       |

**1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?**  
All federal money must be used to comply with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). Most of the funding is being used to purchase and implement a new state-wide voting system. Federal funds will also be used to comply with the federal MOVE Act, which requires certain absentee ballot services for military and overseas voters.

**2.) Are any of those funds inadequate to pay for the federal mandate?**  
The federal funds we have received are adequate for the initial purchase of the new voting system. Ongoing maintenance and operation of the system will be a state responsibility.

**3.) What would the consequences be of ending all of the federal funded programs for your agency?**  
We do not anticipate receiving any additional federal funds.

**4.) How will your agency be affected by federal budget cuts in the coming fiscal year?**  
We do not anticipate receiving any additional federal funds.

**5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?**  
No

**Division and Program Descriptions**

**Administration/Data Processing**

This program represents the administrative function of the State Election Board and provides funding for the administration of election laws in the 77 counties.

**Election Management**

This program represents the function of administering and conducting the statewide elections mandated by law.

**Voter Registration**

This program represents the administration of the National Voter Registration Act, and the corresponding state law on registering persons to vote.

**Help America Vote Act**

This program represents the administration of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and the modernization of the Oklahoma election system.

**Voter Outreach**

This program essentially represents the administration of the State Election Board's Revolving Fund.

**Performance Measure Review**

|                                     | <b>FY'13</b> | <b>FY'12</b> | <b>FY'11</b> | <b>FY'10</b> | <b>FY'09</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Admin/Data Processing</b>        |              |              |              |              |              |
| Voter Info. Request Syst. Inquiries | 213          | 231          | 315          | 339          | 328          |
| <b>Election Management</b>          |              |              |              |              |              |
| Total Voter Registration            | 2,114,489    | N/A          | 2,082,604    | N/A          | 2,184,086    |
| Voter Turnout                       | 1,343,380    | N/A          | 1,034,767    | N/A          | 1,462,661    |
| <b>Voter Outreach</b>               |              |              |              |              |              |
| Pamphlets Distributed               | 16,000       | 24,000       | 80,000       | 80,000       | 240,000      |
| Reimbursements to MLAs              | 61,000       | 56,800       | 46,000       | 41,900       | 79,900       |
| Addresses Confirmed                 | 76,000       |              | 45,000       |              | 43,400       |