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BUREAU SUMMARY  
 BOARD OF ELECTIONS

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Department and Title	Expenditures Year-to-date	2011 Adjusted Appropriation	Department Request	President's Recommendation	Difference
Election Fund					
525 - Board of Election Commissioners - Election Fund	386,072.50	482,852	17,397,209	17,397,209	16,914,357
Election Fund Total	386,072.50	482,852	17,397,209	17,397,209	16,914,357
Special Purpose Fund Total	386,072.50	482,852	17,397,209	17,397,209	16,914,357
Total Appropriations	386,072.50	482,852	17,397,209	17,397,209	16,914,357

SUMMARY OF POSITIONS

Department and Title	2011 Approved Positions	Department Request	President's Recommendation	Difference
Election Fund				
525 - Board of Election Commissioners - Election Fund	4.0	4.0	4.0	
Election Fund Total	4.0	4.0	4.0	
Special Purpose Fund Total	4.0	4.0	4.0	
Total Positions	4.0	4.0	4.0	

DISTRIBUTION BY APPROPRIATION CLASSIFICATION  
 BOARD OF ELECTIONS - SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

Account	2011 Expend. Year-to-date	2011 Adjusted Appropriation	Department Request	President's Recommendation	Difference
<b>Personal Services</b>					
110/501010 Salaries and Wages of Regular Employees	315,218.67	378,929	378,929	378,929	
170/501510 Mandatory Medicare Costs	4,680.34	5,497	5,497	5,497	
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176/501610 Health Insurance	27,570.79	36,732	37,091	37,091	359
177/501640 Dental Insurance Plan	416.76	1,084	1,083	1,083	(1)
179/501690 Vision Care Insurance	31.68	276	275	275	(1)
<b>Personal Services Total</b>	<b>348,586.85</b>	<b>423,893</b>	<b>423,759</b>	<b>423,759</b>	<b>(134)</b>
<b>Contractual Services</b>					
217/520100 Transportation for Specific Activities and Purposes			1,433,182	1,433,182	1,433,182
225/520260 Postage			1,462,316	1,462,316	1,462,316
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267/521010 Juror or Election Judge Fees	6,170.52		7,014,000	7,014,000	7,014,000
<b>Contractual Services Total</b>	<b>9,466.40</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>16,475,415</b>	<b>16,475,415</b>	<b>16,453,815</b>
<b>Operations and Maintenance</b>					
441/540172 County Wide Contract for Maintenance of Data Processing Equipment			31,350	31,350	31,350
<b>Operations and Maintenance Total</b>			<b>31,350</b>	<b>31,350</b>	<b>31,350</b>
<b>Rental and Leasing</b>					
690/550162 Rental and Leasing Not Otherwise Classified			439,372	439,372	439,372
<b>Rental and Leasing Total</b>			<b>439,372</b>	<b>439,372</b>	<b>439,372</b>
<b>Contingency and Special Purposes</b>					
883/580260 Cook County Administration	28,019.25	37,359	27,313	27,313	(10,046)
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<b>Operating Funds Total</b>	<b>386,072.50</b>	<b>482,852</b>	<b>17,397,209</b>	<b>17,397,209</b>	<b>16,914,357</b>

## DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

### 525 BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS - ELECTION FUND

#### Mission

Administer a transparent, impartial and accurate election system; manage voter registrations; safeguard the rights of all voters to cast ballots independently in a safe and quiet atmosphere, free of interference or intimidation; and inform voters of all balloting options, such as Election Day Voting, Early Voting and Absentee Voting.

#### Mandates and Key Activities

- The Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago is responsible for administering all elections – local, state and federal – in the City of Chicago in conformity with the Illinois Election Code, federal statutes and court decisions. These responsibilities include: maintaining voter registration records, including canvasses to cleanse the voter rolls; processing candidate nominating petitions and hearing objections to petitions; testing and preparing equipment and supplies for each polling place; communicating with voters on registration and voting opportunities; and identifying and securing polling places, equipment, judges of election and other staff for the administration of elections. Under a new state law, the Board of Elections will be responsible for hearing objections in state and federal legislative districts that span the City of Chicago and Suburban Cook County. These cases formerly were heard by the County Electoral Board. Additionally, the Board this year is applying for a grant through the Pentagon's Federal Voter Assistance Program to finance secure systems that would allow military/overseas voters to cast ballots over Internet or phone systems.
- Complete steady canvasses that increase the accuracy of the voter rolls.
- Increase participation in Early Voting toward the level of 35% of all ballots cast.
- Locate more than 80% of all polling places in sites that are fully accessible.
- Secure all balloting systems.
- Accelerate Election Night results reporting.
- Expand the use of electronic methods of gathering, storing and management of Election Day incident reports.

#### Discussion of 2011 Activities and 2012 Initiatives

During 2011, the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago oversaw and executed various activities. The most significant of these events was the successful conduct of the Municipal General Election and Supplementary Aldermanic Municipal (Run-Off) Elections. Chicago's Municipal General Election voter turnout of 42% was the highest of any major city in the Midwest and highest of any recent municipal election conducted in New York, Los Angeles, Houston or Miami. Additionally, the Board set: a new record for the orderly and timely hearings on 425 petition objections, surpassing the previous record of 207 cases; a new record for participation in early voting for a municipal election; and a new record for the timely reporting of election night results.

In other important business, the Board performed voter-roll canvassing and began work to expand access to state agency files to automate the removal of outdated records or the records of voters who are no longer qualified to vote in Chicago.

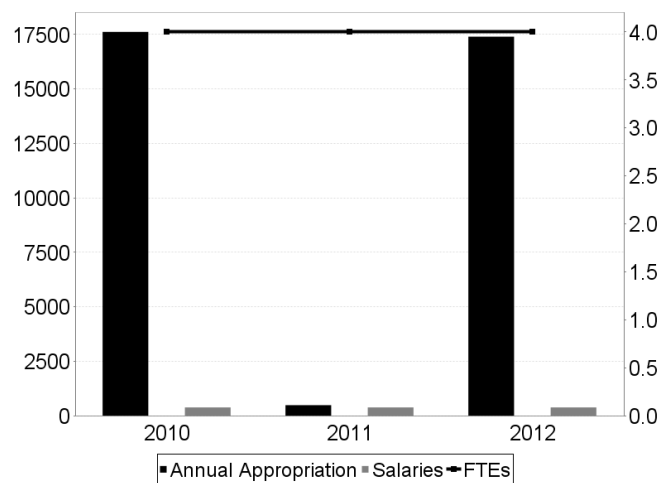
The Board also began the work toward a 19% reduction in precincts with the goal of better reflecting: population changes in the new Census; changes in how more voters are casting Early and Absentee ballots; and an effort to achieve long-term budget savings. In tandem with these efforts, the Board performed a block-by-

block re-districting of addresses to reflect new boundaries for Illinois House, Illinois Senate, Congress and other elective office district lines.

To enhance service to voters, the Board also engaged Equip for Equality to perform a comprehensive review of the accessibility of polling places.

Finally, the Board Launched a new outreach initiative, "Voter Engagement 2012." The goals of this effort are to engage community organizations and forge partnerships, while also identifying and implementing strategies to increase voter registrations and turnouts for 2012 – and beyond.

Appropriations (\$ thousands)			
Fund Category	2010 Adopted	2011 Adopted	2012 Recommended
General	17,615.5	482.9	17,397.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,615.5</b>	<b>482.9</b>	<b>17,397.2</b>
	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
FTE Positions	4.0	4.0	4.0



#### S.T.A.R. Goals/Key Performance Indicators

- Voter Engagement 2012 — The Board of Election Commissioners has launched an unprecedented outreach effort that seeks to identify and implement long-term strategies aimed at boosting voter registrations and turnouts for 2012 – and beyond. The Board is engaging business, civic and community organizations from across the City with the goal of building a long-term agenda of election reforms. The reforms aim to increase voter engagement by removing and reducing barriers to voter registration and turnout and increasing voter education. The Board recently conducted a Community Forum where participants voted for: same-day registration; voting centers that would be open to voters from any precinct; and increasing civics instruction in the schools. Some changes are ones the Board may pursue. Other changes would require changes to the Election Code and use of new technology or assistance from other institutions. The Board's goals are to see voter registration increase to 1.5 million in 2012 and to seek legislative changes that would support that goal.

## DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

### 525 BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS - ELECTION FUND

- Precinct Consolidation — The Board has set the goal of a 19% reduction in precincts as the most effective means of cutting costs. Moreover, this change reflects the new reality that more voters cast ballots in Early and Absentee Voting, and fewer voters cast ballots in their precincts on Election Day. Precinct reductions provide for cost savings in: equipment programming and testing; cartage; polling place rentals; election judges and other expenses related to the opening of polling places.
- On-line voter registration launch—The Board of Election Commissioners has begun developing a system for voters to launch the registration process from hand-held smart phones, laptops and other computers without access to a printer. The voter's electronically-gathered data then can be verified and screened for accuracy against the Illinois Voter Registration System (IVRS) database before being processed through an automated system. Once information is verified, the Board will mail a verification form to the prospective voter for signature to check the validity of the mailing address before adding a voter record. Compared to mailed-in registration, this on-line launch thus offers more safeguards while reducing manual data entry and errors. Moreover, the system will adhere to the requirement for a paper registration with an original "wet" signature. The Board's goal is to process 25,000 new or updated voter registrations through this system in 2012.

access to more timely data for the scrubbing of the voter rolls. The Board also has a long history of working with the Clerk's Office to program and testing multi-lingual balloting systems and joint efforts at voter information campaigns.

#### On-Line Voter Registration

The Board plans to introduce a secure system to allow prospective voters to launch the registration process through hand-held smart phones, laptops and other computers without access to a printer. The goal of the system is to provide the Board with more safeguards and accuracy in registrations while providing voters with more access and convenience.

## Programs

### Voter Registration and Engagement

Board plans to continue working through its "Voter Engagement 2012" project toward the goal of increasing registrations to 1.5 million and boosting voter turnouts.

### Precinct Consolidation

The Board is pursuing a 19% overall reduction in precincts with the goal of adjusting to population shifts, cutting costs, and reflecting the growth in Early and Absentee Voting and the decreased use of Election Day voting.

### Expanded Responsibilities for Electoral Board

Under a newer state law, the Board of Election Commissioners' jurisdiction will expand to include responsibility for hearings on all petition objections in state and federal legislative districts that span portions of Chicago and Suburban County.

### Voter Informational Programs

The coming year will present special challenges as voters adapt to new wards, new precincts and new combinations of Federal, State and Local jurisdictions as the result of re-districting. These significant changes will require mailings ahead of both the Primary Election and the General Election in 2012.

### Ongoing Cooperation with County Clerk's Office

Through the last year, the Board has worked to implement and fine-tune the Joint Petition Program that allows for the dovetailing of voter registration records from both jurisdictions for streamlined hearings on petition objections. Moreover, the Board has launched efforts to access more statewide databases, and has included the Clerk's Office in efforts to approach state agencies about gaining uniform

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PERSONAL SERVICES - SUMMARY OF POSITIONS BY BUSINESS UNIT AND JOB CODE  
 DEPARTMENT 525 - BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS - ELECTION FUND

Job Code	Title	Grade	2011 Current		Department Request		President's Recommendation	
			FTE Pos.	Salaries	FTE Pos.	Salaries	FTE Pos.	Salaries
01 Administration								
01 Board of Comm - Election Fund - 5251624								
0650	Chairman-Board of Election Commissioners	SEL	1.0	91,223	1.0	91,223	1.0	91,223
0651	Executive Director	SEL	1.0	132,110	1.0	132,110	1.0	132,110
0652	Election Commissioner	SEL	2.0	155,596	2.0	155,596	2.0	155,596
			4.0	\$378,929	4.0	\$378,929	4.0	\$378,929
<b>Total Salaries and Positions</b>			<b>4.0</b>	<b>\$378,929</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>\$378,929</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>\$378,929</b>

PERSONAL SERVICES - SUMMARY OF POSITIONS BY GRADE  
 DEPARTMENT 525 - BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS - ELECTION FUND

Grade	2011 Current		Department Request		President's Recommendation	
	FTE Pos.	Salaries	FTE Pos.	Salaries	FTE Pos.	Salaries
SEL	4.0	378,929	4.0	378,929	4.0	378,929
<b>Total Salaries and Positions</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>\$378,929</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>\$378,929</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>\$378,929</b>

