



Board of Elections and Secretary of State's Role in Elections

- Board of Elections and Secretary of State's Elections & Civics Division are charged with different responsibilities
 - Complementary tasks, many of which are mandated by Rhode Island General Laws

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Board of Elections

Secretary of State

- Supervises all elections
 Instructs and certifies all election officials
- assigned to polls
- Trains poll workers
- Prepares and distributes poll worker guides and related materials
- Provides municipalities with forms for candidates
- Certifies federal and state candidates for ballot placement
- Prepares state and local referenda
- Describes and explains state referenda in Voter Handbook

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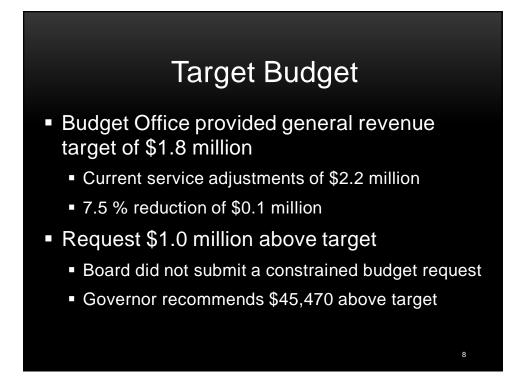
Board of Elections	Secretary of State
 Prepares and delivers	 Publishes guides for
voting machines and	candidates, election
supplies to polling	officials, and voters Provides ballot information
places Conducts recounts Certifies election results	and polling place locations
to Secretary of State Conducts voter	on website Prepares and prints ballots Maintains central voter
registration drives	registration system

Summary by Category

General Revenues	FY 2015 Enacted	FY 2015 Revised	FY 2016 Governor	FY 2016 Change to Enacted
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,306,590	\$1,307,294	\$1,196,343	(\$110,247)
Contracted Services	73,488	73,488	73,488	-
Operations	657,109	568,589	526,784	(130,325)
Grants	2,000,000	2,620,273	-	(2,000,000)
Capital	107,940	-	107,940	(86,250)
Total	\$4,145,127	\$4,656,199	\$1,818,305	(2,326,822)
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Budget Issues

- Personnel
- Elections
- Legal Services
- Matching Public Funds
- New Voting Equipment
- Building and Storage Space



Personnel

- Board Members
 - No vacancies
 - Currently only four of the seven members accept \$7,000 annual salary
- 11.0 FTEs for FY 2015 and FY 2016
 - Same as enacted and requested
 - Currently 9.0 are filled
- Seasonal Staff varies with two-year election cycle

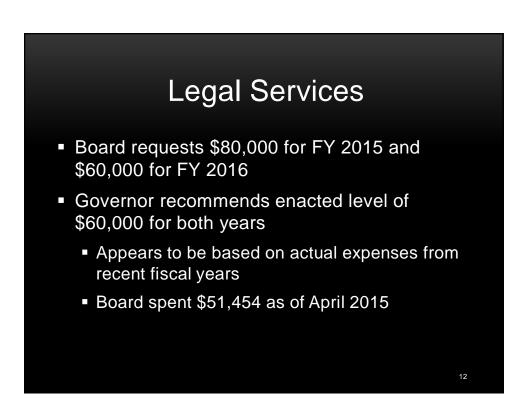


- FY 2015 Revised \$1.1 million
 - \$13,588 less than enacted
 - Turnover savings, statewide medical benefit savings and other adjustments
- FY 2016 \$1.2 million
 - \$65,461 more than enacted
 - Cost-of-Living Adjustment
 - Some savings from new hires
 - Funds 11.0 FTEs

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Personnel

- Seasonal Staff
 - FY 2015
 - \$160,000 in enacted budget for November 2014 election
 - Governor adds \$30,000 based on actual spending
 - FY 2016
 - Governor does not recommend the \$35,000 the Board requests for Presidential Preference Primary



Matching Public Funds

- Program was enacted in 1992
- Funds available every four years for candidates for the general offices
- FY 2015 enacted budget includes \$2.0 million
- Governor adds \$0.6 million
 - Board provided \$2.6 million to seven candidates

New Voting Machines

- Board intends to purchase new voting machines
 - Board anticipates cost of \$10.2 million over 8year period, payments beginning in FY 2016
 - No funds in Board's request
 - Current machines purchased in 1997
 - Governor does not recommend funding for new voting machines
 - Includes \$271,969 for regular vendor payment to fund service, maintenance, & support staff

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Other Election Expenses

- \$111,440 for FY 2015
 - \$31,695 less than enacted
 - Decreases for delivery of voting equipment and postage based on actual expenditures
- \$142,800 for FY 2016
 - \$183,390 less than enacted
 - Cyclical
 - Reductions for delivery costs, printing, and postage

