

## ELECTIONS BOARD

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY05 Adjusted Base	FY06 Recommended	% Change Over FY05	FY07 Recommended	% Change Over FY06
GPR	933,000	1,278,200	37.0	1,280,500	0.2
PR-O	57,700	57,700	0.0	57,700	0.0
SEG-F	1,400	129,200	9,128.6	129,200	0.0
SEG-O	700,100	100,100	-85.7	750,100	649.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,692,200</b>	<b>1,565,200</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>2,217,500</b>	<b>41.7</b>

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY05 Adjusted Base	FY06 Recommended	FTE Change From FY05	FY07 Recommended	FTE Change From FY06
GPR	11.00	11.00	0.00	11.00	0.00
SEG-F	0.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The board is composed of eight citizen members appointed by the Governor for two-year terms. The board is supported by a staff of 14 full-time employees, including the executive director who is the agency head and the chief election officer of the state. The board's programs are administered by two sections, Elections and Campaign Finance.

### MISSION

The mission of the board is to enhance representative democracy by ensuring the integrity of the electoral process. To achieve this mission the board directs its energies toward providing for an informed electorate, both in regard to understanding the election system, and being aware of the activities and finances of candidates for public office. Elections must be administered through procedures that guarantee that the vote of each individual counts and that the will of the electorate prevails. Elections must be open, fair, impartial and free from error. The campaign finance disclosure system administered by the board must be geared toward making information readily available to the electorate on who is supporting or opposing a candidate or cause and to what extent, and toward reducing the opportunity for corruption.

### PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Program 1: Administration of Election and Campaign Laws

Goal: Instill public confidence in the integrity of the electoral process by serving as an informational and educational resource for participants in the political process and the general public.

Objective/Activity: Increase educational outreach to election officials and candidates to reduce the number of staff-initiated contacts to correct errors, obtain missing information, or clarify information received on county canvass reports and ballot access documents. This will be done by promoting the submission of county canvass reports in electronic format and by preparing and disseminating informational materials for county clerks and candidates using written and electronic resources.

Goal: Make readily available to voters complete information as to who is supporting or opposing a candidate or cause and to what extent, whether directly or indirectly. The board makes the following information available in its office: list of reports filed, summary of data reports, information about late campaign activity and detailed campaign finance report information.

Objective/Activity: Enter campaign finance report data on the day of receipt, and prepare and post reports on Web site within 24 hours of receipt.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### HISTORICAL DATA

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002
1.	Number of staff-initiated contacts to correct errors or obtain missing information from canvass reports.	240	104 <sup>1</sup>	22 <sup>1</sup>
1.	Number of contacts relating to requests for campaign finance information by Web site hits to campaign finance section.	3,126	N/A <sup>2</sup>	15,507

Note: Based on fiscal year.

<sup>1</sup>The number of staff-initiated contacts to correct errors on county canvass reports will be less in even-numbered fiscal years because there are only two scheduled election events, the spring primary and the spring election. This explains the significant reduction in contacts in Actual 2002.

<sup>2</sup>The number of campaign finance related Web site hits for Actual 2001 was unavailable because the Department of Electronic Government could not retrieve the figures from the archives. Based on current measures, the board is confident that the goal of 6,252 Web site hits was exceeded in fiscal year 2000-01.

## 2003 AND 2004 GOALS AND ACTUALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2003	Actual 2003	Goal 2004	Actual 2004
1.	Number of staff-initiated contacts to correct errors or obtain missing information from canvass reports. <sup>1</sup>	101	100	50	28
1.	Number of contacts relating to requests for campaign finance information by Web site hits to campaign finance section. <sup>2</sup>	10,000	12,500	10,000	12,500

Note: Based on fiscal year.

<sup>1</sup>The number of staff-initiated contacts to correct errors on county canvass reports is higher in Goal 2004 than the Actual 2002 because the presidential preference primary is treated as an additional election event.

<sup>2</sup>The number of campaign finance related Web site hits for Goal 2004 was not projected to increase from Goal 2003 because there were no partisan elections for state office scheduled.

## 2005, 2006 AND 2007 GOALS

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Goal 2005	Goal 2006	Goal 2007
1.	Number of staff-initiated contacts to correct errors or obtain missing information from canvass reports.	80	40	75
1.	Number of contacts relating to requests for campaign finance information by Web site hits to campaign finance section.	20,000	25,000	40,000

Note: Based on fiscal year.

## **ELECTIONS BOARD**

### **GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Campaign Finance Management System
2. Establish a Gifts and Grants Account
3. Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund
4. Project Position Technical Correction
5. Standard Budget Adjustments

#### **ITEMS NOT APPROVED**

6. Campaign Finance and Legal Counsel Support Staff

**Table 1**  
**Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY04	ADJUSTED BASE FY05	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY06	FY07	FY06	FY07
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$845.2	\$933.0	\$3,960.1	\$1,964.8	\$1,278.2	\$1,280.5
State Operations	845.2	933.0	3,960.1	1,964.8	1,278.2	1,280.5
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	632.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	129.2	129.2
State Operations	632.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	129.2	129.2
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	44.3	57.7	57.7	57.7	57.7	57.7
State Operations	44.3	57.7	57.7	57.7	57.7	57.7
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	10.7	700.1	100.1	750.1	100.1	750.1
State Operations		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Aids to Ind. & Org.	10.7	700.0	100.0	750.0	100.0	750.0
TOTALS-ANNUAL	1,532.5	1,692.2	4,119.3	2,774.0	1,565.2	2,217.5
State Operations	1,521.8	992.2	4,019.3	2,024.0	1,465.2	1,467.5
Aids to Ind. & Org.	10.7	700.0	100.0	750.0	100.0	750.0

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

**Table 2**  
**Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions) (4)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY05	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY06	FY07	FY06	FY07
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	11.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)				4.00	4.00
TOTALS-ANNUAL	11.00	12.00	12.00	15.00	15.00

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

**Table 3  
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY04	ADJUSTED BASE FY05	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY06	FY07	FY06	FY07
1. Administration of election and campaign laws	\$1,532.5	\$1,692.2	\$4,119.3	\$2,774.0	\$1,565.2	\$2,217.5
TOTALS	1,532.5	1,692.2	4,119.3	2,774.0	1,565.2	2,217.5

**Table 4  
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY05	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY06	FY07	FY06	FY07
1. Administration of election and campaign laws	11.00	12.00	12.00	15.00	15.00
TOTALS	11.00	12.00	12.00	15.00	15.00

**1. Campaign Finance Management System**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY06		FY07		FY06		FY07	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	3,000,000	0.00	1,000,000	0.00	350,000	0.00	350,000	0.00
TOTAL	3,000,000	0.00	1,000,000	0.00	350,000	0.00	350,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for development and implementation of an electronic campaign finance information system. The funding provided is for estimated master lease payments to finance the project.

**2. Establish a Gifts and Grants Account**

The Governor recommends creating a gifts and grants appropriation for the board.

**3. Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY06		FY07		FY06		FY07	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	-600,000	0.00	50,000	0.00	-600,000	0.00	50,000	0.00
TOTAL	-600,000	0.00	50,000	0.00	-600,000	0.00	50,000	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting expenditure authority in the amounts indicated to equal estimated payments.

**4. Project Position Technical Correction**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY06		FY07		FY06		FY07	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-F	0	0.00	0	0.00	127,800	4.00	127,800	4.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	127,800	4.00	127,800	4.00

The Governor recommends adding four-year project positions previously created for implementation of the Help America Vote Act.

**5. Standard Budget Adjustments**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY06		FY07		FY06		FY07	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	-4,800	0.00	-2,500	0.00	-4,800	0.00	-2,500	0.00
TOTAL	-4,800	0.00	-2,500	0.00	-4,800	0.00	-2,500	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the board's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (-\$19,700 in each year); and (b) reclassifications and semiautomatic pay progression (\$14,900 in FY06 and \$17,200 in FY07).

**ITEMS NOT APPROVED**

The following requests are not included in the Governor's budget recommendations for the Elections Board.

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY06		FY07	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
6. Campaign Finance and Legal Counsel Support Staff	GPR	31,900	1.00	34,300	1.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	31,900	1.00	34,300	1.00