

## ELECTIONS BOARD

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY01 Adjusted Base	FY02 Recommended	% Change Over FY01	FY03 Recommended	% Change Over FY02
GPR	913,800	962,900	5.4	1,071,000	11.2
PR-O	42,200	42,200	0.0	42,200	0.0
SEG-O	700,000	100,000	-85.7	700,000	600.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,656,000</b>	<b>1,105,100</b>	<b>-33.3</b>	<b>1,813,200</b>	<b>64.1</b>

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY01 Adjusted Base	FY02 Recommended	FTE Change From FY01	FY03 Recommended	FTE Change From FY02
GPR	13.00	14.00	1.00	14.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>14.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>14.00</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 thirteen 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 the mission, the board directs its energies toward providing for an informed electorate, both in regard to understanding the election system and to 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 which 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 the preparation and dissemination of 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 which candidate or cause and to what extent, whether directly or indirectly. The board makes the following information available in the 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**

Prog. No.	Performance Measure	Actual 2000	Goal 2001	Goal 2002	Goal 2003
1.	Number of staff initiated contacts to correct errors or obtain missing information from canvass reports.	240	180	135	101
	Number of contacts relating to requests for campaign finance information by Web site hits to campaign finance section.	3,126	6,252	10,000	10,000

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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Election Administration Reform Initiative
2. Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund
3. SASI Initiative
4. Budget Efficiency Measures
5. Standard Budget Adjustments

#### **ITEMS NOT APPROVED**

6. Hardware Upgrades

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

	ACTUAL FY00	ADJUSTED BASE FY01	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$797.3	\$913.8	\$981.7	\$989.8	\$962.9	\$1,071.0
State Operations	797.3	913.8	981.7	989.8	962.9	1,001.0
Local Assistance						70.0
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	41.7	42.2	42.2	42.2	42.2	42.2
State Operations	41.7	42.2	42.2	42.2	42.2	42.2
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	36.6	700.0	100.0	700.0	100.0	700.0
Aids to Ind. & Org.	36.6	700.0	100.0	700.0	100.0	700.0
TOTALS-ANNUAL	875.6	1,656.0	1,123.9	1,732.0	1,105.1	1,813.2
State Operations	839.0	956.0	1,023.9	1,032.0	1,005.1	1,043.2
Local Assistance						70.0
Aids to Ind. & Org.	36.6	700.0	100.0	700.0	100.0	700.0

(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 FY01	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
TOTALS-ANNUAL	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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

	ACTUAL FY00	ADJUSTED BASE FY01	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03
1. Administration of election and campaign laws	\$875.6	\$1,656.0	\$1,123.9	\$1,732.0	\$1,105.1	\$1,813.2
TOTALS	875.6	1,656.0	1,123.9	1,732.0	1,105.1	1,813.2

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY01	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03
1. Administration of election and campaign laws	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
TOTALS	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

**1. Election Administration Reform Initiative**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	37,500	1.00	41,800	1.00	37,500	1.00	141,800	1.00
TOTAL	37,500	1.00	41,800	1.00	37,500	1.00	141,800	1.00

The Governor proposes an election administration reform initiative to strengthen accountability for election results and to increase the public's confidence in the efficient administration of elections. As part of the initiative the Governor recommends: (a) requiring photo identification at polling places to ensure legitimacy at the voting booth; (b) a centralized registration list maintained by the board and \$70,000 GPR in FY03 for a grant program to assist localities with the costs to update registration data; (c) increased board authority over registration forms to eliminate fraudulent registration; (d) \$30,000 GPR in FY03 to fund a required training program for election observers to be administered by the board; and (e) increased board supervision over local election practices. The board would have the power to promulgate rules to promote the fair and efficient conduct of elections and the power to appoint election inspectors and special masters to conduct elections in locations which have repeatedly failed to comply with election laws or the rules of the board. If the municipality fails to reimburse the board for the costs related to the appointment of a special master, the costs may be deducted from the municipality's next shared revenue payment. To assist in the implementation of this initiative the Governor recommends approving 1.0 FTE GPR position. The Governor also recommends funding a task force charged with finding ways to use technology to increase voter participation as part of the E-government initiative. Any recommendations would be addressed through separate legislation or in the 2003-05 biennial budget. See Department of Administration, Item #16.

**2. Wisconsin Election Campaign Fund**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	-600,000	0.00	0	0.00	-600,000	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	-600,000	0.00	0	0.00	-600,000	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends reducing the funding available for individuals seeking public campaign finance grants to \$100,000 SEG-O in FY02. The first year of the biennium is an off-election year and therefore the need for public grants issued to candidates is much lower than during election years.

**3. SASI Initiative**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	37,400	0.00	37,400	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	37,400	0.00	37,400	0.00

The Governor recommends the indicated funding for basic desktop information technology support as part of a Small Agency Support Infrastructure (SASI) program. This initiative is described under Department of Administration, Item #5.

**4. Budget Efficiency Measures**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	-45,700	0.00	-45,700	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	-45,700	0.00	-45,700	0.00

The Governor recommends reducing the agency's largest GPR state operations appropriation in the amounts shown to create additional operational efficiencies.

**5. Standard Budget Adjustments**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY02		FY03		FY02		FY03	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	19,900	0.00	23,700	0.00	19,900	0.00	23,700	0.00
TOTAL	19,900	0.00	23,700	0.00	19,900	0.00	23,700	0.00

The Governor recommends adjustments to the agency's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$8,600 in each year); (b) reclassifications (\$6,100 in each year); (c) BadgerNet increases (\$1,100 in each year); and (d) fifth week of vacation as cash (\$4,100 in each year).

**ITEMS NOT APPROVED**

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

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY02		FY03	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
6. Hardware Upgrades	GPR	10,500	0.00	10,500	0.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	10,500	0.00	10,500	0.00