

## Department Appropriation Summary

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive/Legislative Recommendation

Appropriation	2013-2014		2014-2015		2014-2015		2015-2016						2016-2017					
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Legislative	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Legislative	Pos
436 Nonpartisan General Elections	0	0	1,049,239	0	1,600,000	0	1,600,000	0	1,600,000	0	1,600,000	0	1,600,000	0	1,600,000	0	1,600,000	0
580 Election Commissioners - Operations	535,017	7	596,903	7	648,990	7	637,288	7	637,288	7	637,288	7	638,145	7	638,145	7	638,145	7
581 Election Expenses	343,088	0	3,831,224	0	6,340,000	0	6,340,000	0	6,340,000	0	6,340,000	0	6,340,000	0	6,340,000	0	6,340,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>878,105</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5,477,366</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8,588,990</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8,577,288</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8,577,288</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8,577,288</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8,578,145</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8,578,145</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8,578,145</b>	<b>7</b>

Funding Sources		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
Fund Balance 4000005	676,521	11.7	4,880,463	89.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
General Revenue 4000010	4,709,329	81.8	596,903	10.9	4,774,288	55.7	4,774,288	55.7	4,774,288	55.7	638,145	100.0	638,145	100.0	638,145	100.0
Budget Stabilization Trust 4000130	0	0.0	0	0.0	2,203,000	25.7	2,203,000	25.7	2,203,000	25.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Judicial Filing Fees 4000320	372,718	6.5	0	0.0	1,600,000	18.7	1,600,000	18.7	1,600,000	18.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>5,758,568</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,477,366</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,577,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,577,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,577,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>638,145</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>638,145</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>638,145</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(4,880,463)		0		0		0		0		7,940,000		7,940,000		7,940,000	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>878,105</b>		<b>5,477,366</b>		<b>8,577,288</b>		<b>8,577,288</b>		<b>8,577,288</b>		<b>8,578,145</b>		<b>8,578,145</b>		<b>8,578,145</b>	

Due to the inclusion of Prosecutors, the Agency requests to rename this appropriation from "Nonpartisan Judicial General Elections" to "Nonpartisan General Elections" and the Fund from "Judicial Filing Fee Fund" to "Nonpartisan Filing Fee Fund."

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 436 - Nonpartisan General Elections

**Funding Sources:** MFF - Nonpartisan Filing Fee Fund\*

Amendment 80, §17 and 18, to the Arkansas Constitution states that Circuit Judges, District Judges, Supreme Court Justices and Court of Appeals Judges be elected on a nonpartisan basis. This amendment went into effect July 2001. Act 1110 of 2013 made the office of the prosecuting attorney a nonpartisan office. Act 1789 of 2001 established the guidelines for the nonpartisan elections and charged the State Board of Election Commissioners with funding nonpartisan general elections and establishing reasonable filing fees for nonpartisan offices. The Board promulgates rules and regulations establishing nonpartisan office filing fees for covering the cost of election expenses paid from this appropriation.

The Agency Base Level Request includes appropriation of \$1,600,000 each year of the biennium. Due to the inclusion of prosecutors, the Agency has requested to rename this appropriation and fund striking the word judicial from both.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

The Legislative Recommendation concurs with the Executive Recommendation.

**Appropriation Summary**

**Appropriation:** 436 - Nonpartisan General Elections

**Funding Sources:** MFF - Nonpartisan Filing Fee Fund\*

Commitment Item		2013-2014	2014-2015	2014-2015	2015-2016			2016-2017		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Legislative	Agency	Executive	Legislative
Grants and Aid	5100004	0	1,049,239	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000
Total		0	1,049,239	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000

Funding Sources									
Fund Balance	4000005	676,521	1,049,239		0	0	0	0	0
Judicial Filing Fees	4000320	372,718	0		1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	0	0
Total Funding		1,049,239	1,049,239		1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	0	0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(1,049,239)	0		0	0	0	1,600,000	1,600,000
Grand Total		0	1,049,239		1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000

Base Level has been restored to the FY15 authorized amount.

Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding. Due to the inclusion of Prosecutors, the Agency requests to rename this appropriation from "Nonpartisan Judicial General Elections" to "Nonpartisan General Elections" and the Fund from "Judicial Filing Fee Fund" to "Nonpartisan Filing Fee Fund."

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 580 - Election Commissioners - Operations

**Funding Sources:** HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

The State Board of Election Commissioners is a general revenue funded Agency that administers state supported political party primary and special elections. The seven member Board is comprised of the Secretary of State as Chairperson, two members appointed by the Governor, and one member each appointed by the chair of the state Democratic party, the chair of the state Republican party, the President Pro Tempore of the Arkansas Senate, and the Speaker of the Arkansas House of Representatives. Legislation passed during the 1995 session redefined the duties of the Board and created for the first time a staff and an operating appropriation.

The Board develops resources to educate and assist candidates and county election administrators, develops specialized training programs, conducts and coordinates statewide training of county election commissioners and election officials, monitors compliance by local election authorities with federal and state election laws, investigates complaints of alleged election misconduct and election law violations, and distributes funds to the counties for state-supported political party primary elections, nonpartisan general elections, special primary elections, and statewide special elections.

The responsibilities of the Board have increased each session as a result of legislation passed by the Arkansas General Assembly in an attempt to ensure public confidence in the election process.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching include continuation of the previously authorized 2015 1% Cost of Living Adjustment and Career Service Payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$10 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$420 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for Merit Pay Increases. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries includes board member stipend payments.

The Board's Base Level Request includes appropriation and general revenue funding of \$637,288 in FY16 and \$638,145 in FY17 with seven (7) regular positions. The Board also requests a reallocation of resources, reducing wireless telecommunications, cable services and office supplies and increasing network services. The reallocation will provide for annual website maintenance.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

The Legislative Recommendation concurs with the Executive Recommendation.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 580 - Election Commissioners - Operations

**Funding Sources:** HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

Commitment Item		2013-2014	2014-2015	2014-2015	2015-2016			2016-2017		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Legislative	Agency	Executive	Legislative
Regular Salaries	5010000	333,825	364,406	403,033	396,559	396,559	396,559	397,259	397,259	397,259
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	117,737	116,437	129,897	124,669	124,669	124,669	124,826	124,826	124,826
Operating Expenses	5020002	78,390	108,060	108,060	108,060	108,060	108,060	108,060	108,060	108,060
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	299	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Professional Fees	5060010	4,766	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>535,017</b>	<b>596,903</b>	<b>648,990</b>	<b>637,288</b>	<b>637,288</b>	<b>637,288</b>	<b>638,145</b>	<b>638,145</b>	<b>638,145</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
General Revenue	4000010	535,017	596,903		637,288	637,288	637,288	638,145	638,145	638,145
Total Funding		535,017	596,903		637,288	637,288	637,288	638,145	638,145	638,145
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>535,017</b>	<b>596,903</b>		<b>637,288</b>	<b>637,288</b>	<b>637,288</b>	<b>638,145</b>	<b>638,145</b>	<b>638,145</b>

## Analysis of Budget Request

**Appropriation:** 581 - Election Expenses

**Funding Sources:** HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

This general revenue funded appropriation provides reimbursement to the counties for the expenses of state supported political party primary elections, special primary elections, and statewide special elections. This appropriation also covers expenses incurred by the Board to compensate local election administrators for mandatory statewide training attendance, to publish a handbook for candidates running for public office, and to publish educational and training materials to aid county election administrators in conducting elections in compliance with federal and state election laws, pursuant to § 7-4-101, 7-4-107, and 7-4-109.

Base Level includes appropriation of \$6,340,000 each year with general revenue funding of \$4,137,000 in the first year only with Special Language authorizing the carry forward of remaining funds between fiscal years. Special Language also authorizes the Chief Financial Officer of the State to transfer funds from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund to the Board's Miscellaneous Agencies Fund to provide for expenses for any statewide special election or special primary election if any Special Elections are required.

The Total Request includes the following:

	GENERAL REVENUE	BUDGET STABILIZATION TRUST FUND	TOTAL
Training Publications	75,000	0	75,000
Commissioners Training Compensation	30,000	0	30,000
Trainers' Training Compensation	35,000	0	35,000
Preferential Primary (May)	2,500,000	500,000	3,000,000
Primary Runoff (June)	1,497,000	303,000	1,800,000
Statewide Specials/Special Primaries	0	1,400,000	1,400,000
Total	4,137,000	2,203,000	6,340,000

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

The Legislative Recommendation concurs with the Executive Recommendation.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 581 - Election Expenses

**Funding Sources:** HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

Commitment Item		2013-2014	2014-2015	2014-2015	2015-2016			2016-2017		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Legislative	Agency	Executive	Legislative
Election Expenses	5900046	343,088	3,831,224	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000
Total		343,088	3,831,224	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Fund Balance	4000005	0	3,831,224		0	0	0	0	0	0
General Revenue	4000010	4,174,312	0		4,137,000	4,137,000	4,137,000	0	0	0
Budget Stabilization Trust	4000130	0	0		2,203,000	2,203,000	2,203,000	0	0	0
Total Funding		4,174,312	3,831,224		6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000	0	0	0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(3,831,224)	0		0	0	0	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000
Grand Total		343,088	3,831,224		6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000	6,340,000

Special Language authorizes carry forward of funding. Expenditure of appropriation in FY17 is contingent upon the carryforward of available funding from FY16. Base Level appropriation has been restored to the FY15 authorized amount.