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BUREAU SUMMARY
 BOARD OF ELECTIONS

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Department and Title	Expenditures Year-to-date	2009 Adjusted Appropriation	Department Request	President's Recommendation	Difference
Special Purpose Funds					
525 - Board of Election Commissioners - Election Fund	2,962,425	4,051,985	18,875,946	18,308,397	14,256,412
Special Purpose Funds Total	2,962,425	4,051,985	18,875,946	18,308,397	14,256,412
Special Purpose Fund Total	2,962,425	4,051,985	18,875,946	18,308,397	14,256,412
Total Appropriations	2,962,425	4,051,985	18,875,946	18,308,397	14,256,412

SUMMARY OF POSITIONS

Department and Title	2009 Approved Positions	Department Request	President's Recommendation	Difference
Special Purpose Funds				
525 - Board of Election Commissioners - Election Fund	4.0	4.0	4.0	
Special Purpose Funds 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	2009 Expend. Year-to-date	2009 Adjusted Appropriation	Department Request	President's Recommendation	Difference
Personal Services					
110/501010 Salaries and Wages of Regular Employees	297,750	378,929	378,929	378,929	
170/501510 Mandatory Medicare Costs	4,397	5,389	5,497	5,497	108
175/501590 Life Insurance Program	670	1,355	1,375	1,375	20
176/501610 Health Insurance	18,258	32,108	51,908	51,908	19,800
177/501640 Dental Insurance Plan	233	340	1,776	1,776	1,436
179/501690 Vision Care Insurance	132	190	516	516	326
Personal Services Total	321,440	418,311	440,001	440,001	21,690
Contractual Services					
217/520100 Transportation for Specific Activities and Purposes	309,712	329,726	1,704,722	1,450,000	1,120,274
225/520260 Postage	105,403	403,543	1,080,000	1,080,000	676,457
240/520490 Printing and Publishing	769,991	1,189,000	3,657,416	3,344,589	2,155,589
260/520830 Professional and Managerial Services	315,387	497,170	2,614,032	2,614,032	2,116,862
267/521010 Juror or Election Judge Fees	1,022,916	946,750	8,481,500	8,481,500	7,534,750
Contractual Services Total	2,523,409	3,366,189	17,537,670	16,970,121	13,603,932
Rental and Leasing					
690/550162 Rental and Leasing Not Otherwise Classified	117,576	267,485	898,275	898,275	630,790
Rental and Leasing Total	117,576	267,485	898,275	898,275	630,790
Operating Funds Total	2,962,425	4,051,985	18,875,946	18,308,397	14,256,412

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

525 BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS - ELECTION FUND

Department Mission

To administer a transparent, impartial and accurate election system; to manage voter registrations; to safeguard the rights of all voters to cast ballots independently in a safe and quiet atmosphere, free of interference or intimidation; and to inform voters of all of their balloting options.

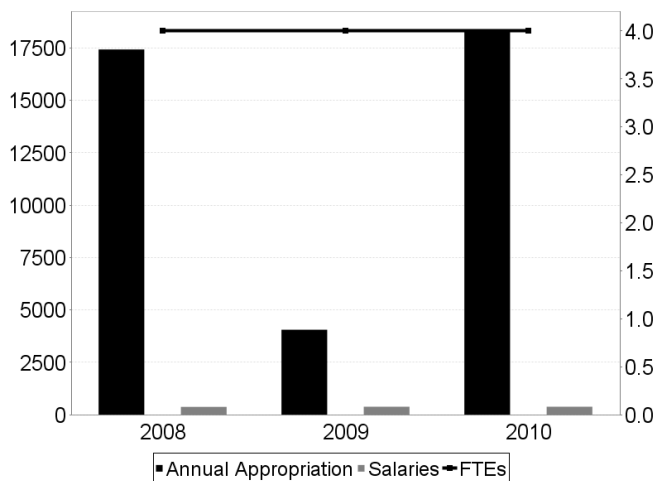
Goals and Objectives

- Automate telephone system to increase capacity during peak periods of voter inquiries regarding registration status and locations of polling places.
- 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.

Summary of Operations

The Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago is the quasi-judicial arm of the courts directly responsible for: providing an election system that is equitable and transparent for all citizens; for promoting convenient voter registration systems; for maintaining state-of-the-art equipment and registration records; for performing all statutory duties under federal and state election codes; and for providing information to build voter knowledge of and participation in the electoral process while instituting personnel and cost efficiencies wherever possible.

Appropriations (\$ thousands)			
Fund Category	2008 Adopted	2009 Adopted	2010 Recommended
General	17,422.7	4,052.0	18,308.4
Total	17,422.7	4,052.0	18,308.4
	Adopted	Adopted	Recommended
FTE Positions	4.0	4.0	4.0



Major Accomplishments

- For the 2008 General Election, the Chicago Election Board led the entire state of Illinois in new voter registrations and Early Voting participation (both tripled Chicago's previous records).
- For the fifth consecutive election, the Chicago Election Board had a full complement of judges.
- The Chicago Election Board again led the nation in young people in our polling places: 2,400 high school students working as election judges and 1,600 college students serving as polling-place administrators.
- Initiated "fast fact cards" to give voters key information on: deadline to register, grace-period registration, Early Voting and Election Day.
- Managed a successful PSA campaign to encourage Early Voting and Registration.
- Continued refining newer dual balloting systems (optical scan and touch screen voting programs), to enhance capacity to serve voters with disabilities and adapt to new requirements under state law for rejecting undervotes in contests for statewide constitutional offices.
- Had approximately 90% of precincts reported at or before 11 p.m. on last three elections.
- Expanded use of Early Voting, which grew from 12 percent of ballots cast in the Presidential Primary to 24 percent in November 2008.

Key Initiatives

- Expand use of the Early Voting option which is now mandated by state law.
- Prepare for earlier 2010 primary and longer Grace Period voting and change in state law that will expand Absentee Balloting by eliminating the need for the voter to give an excuse for voting by mail.
- Move closer to full independent operation of the Sequoia Voting Systems databases and voting software and hardware to reduce dependence on technical support leading up to and following each election.
- Additional follow-up with Sequoia to secure last stages of federal certification of software that will fulfill contract needs for split precincts and enhanced audio balloting.

Programs

Voter Assistance Phone System

Answers to the voters' most common questions would be a phone-call away with a new 24-hour automated voter assistance system.

Early Voting

Mandated by state law, Early Voting presents an opportunity to provide voters with the convenience of selecting the time and place that's best for their schedules – among 51 locations that are all fully accessible. This program offers the best option for alleviating long lines on Election Day. This program has grown from 3.5 percent of ballots cast in March 2006 to nearly 24 percent of ballots cast for the Nov. 4, 2008 Presidential Election. The Election Board is striving to see 35 percent of all ballots cast through this system and "no excuse" absentee voting by 2010.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

525 BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS - ELECTION FUND

Accessible Polling Places

Many private facilities lack fully accessible entries, and other facilities that are accessible may not be available to serve as polling places on Election Day. This represents one of the Election Board's most challenging issues. The Election Board is working with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities and the city's 50 aldermen toward moving closer to the ultimate goal of having 100 percent accessible polling places.

Canvass of Voter Rolls

Having the most current voter rolls possible provides benefits to the taxpayers, election judges, political campaigns, poll watchers and the overall integrity of the election system. To contain ever-rising postage costs, the Election Board is working to focus its mailings to households where there have been recent relocations.

DISTRIBUTION BY APPROPRIATION CLASSIFICATION

DEPARTMENT 525 - BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS - ELECTION FUND

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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	2009 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-Election Commissioners	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
Total Salaries and Positions			4.0	\$378,929	4.0	\$378,929	4.0	\$378,929

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

Grade	2009 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
Total Salaries and Positions	4.0	\$378,929	4.0	\$378,929	4.0	\$378,929

