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BUREAU SUMMARY
 BOARD OF ELECTIONS

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

Department and Title	2010 Expenditures	2010 Adjusted Appropriation	Approved & Adopted	Difference
Special Purpose Funds				
525 - Board of Election Commissioners - Election Fund	17,319,179.27	17,615,482	482,852	(17,132,630)
Special Purpose Funds Total	17,319,179.27	17,615,482	482,852	(17,132,630)
Special Purpose Fund Total	17,319,179.27	17,615,482	482,852	(17,132,630)
Total Appropriations	17,319,179.27	17,615,482	482,852	(17,132,630)

SUMMARY OF POSITIONS

Department and Title	2010 Approved Positions	Approved & Adopted	Difference
Special Purpose Funds			
525 - Board of Election Commissioners - Election Fund	4.0	4.0	
Special Purpose Funds Total	4.0	4.0	
Special Purpose Fund Total	4.0	4.0	
Total Positions	4.0	4.0	

DISTRIBUTION BY APPROPRIATION CLASSIFICATION
 BOARD OF ELECTIONS - SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

Account	2010 Expenditures	2010 Adjusted Appropriation	Approved & Adopted	Difference
Personal Services				
110/501010	Salaries and Wages of Regular Employees	379,969.96	378,929	378,929
170/501510	Mandatory Medicare Costs	5,447.64	5,497	5,497
175/501590	Life Insurance Program	1,072.02	1,375	1,375
176/501610	Health Insurance	31,394.61	51,908	36,732 (15,176)
177/501640	Dental Insurance Plan	511.68	1,776	1,084 (692)
179/501690	Vision Care Insurance	42.24	516	276 (240)
Personal Services Total		418,438.15	440,001	423,893 (16,108)
Contractual Services				
217/520100	Transportation for Specific Activities and Purposes	1,237,341.54	1,450,000	(1,450,000)
225/520260	Postage	1,379,542.87	1,380,000	(1,380,000)
240/520490	Printing and Publishing	2,347,070.04	3,044,589	(3,044,589)
260/520830	Professional and Managerial Services	3,940,386.52	2,614,032	21,600 (2,592,432)
267/521010	Juror or Election Judge Fees	7,230,958.33	8,481,500	(8,481,500)
Contractual Services Total		16,135,299.30	16,970,121	21,600 (16,948,521)
Rental and Leasing				
690/550162	Rental and Leasing Not Otherwise Classified	765,441.82	898,275	(898,275)
Rental and Leasing Total		765,441.82	898,275	(898,275)
Contingency and Special Purposes				
814/580380	Appropriation Adjustments		(692,915)	692,915
883/580260	Cook County Administration		37,359	37,359
Contingency and Special Purposes Total			(692,915)	37,359 730,274
Operating Funds Total		17,319,179.27	17,615,482	482,852 (17,132,630)

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 their balloting options.

Goals and Objectives

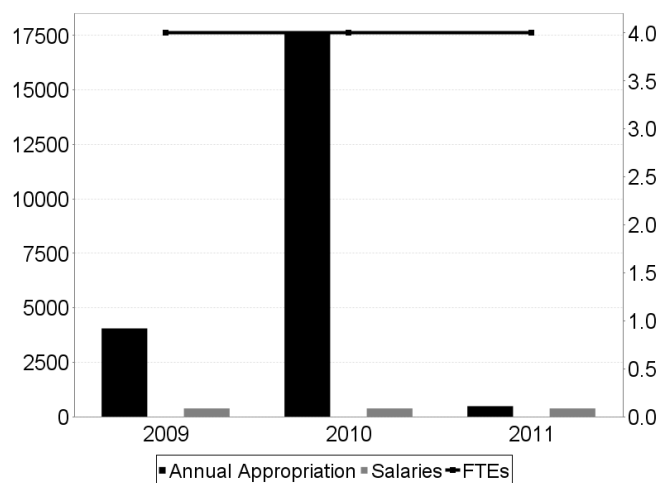
- Automate telephone system to increase capacity during peak periods of voter inquiries regarding registration status and locations of polling places.
- Complete steady canvasses that increase the accuracy of the voter rolls.
- Increase participation in Early Voting toward the level of 35% of all ballots 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	2009 Adopted	2010 Adopted	2011 Approved and Adopted
General	4,052.0	17,615.5	482.9
Total	4,052.0	17,615.5	482.9
	Adopted	Adopted	Adopted

FTE Positions	4.0	4.0	4.0
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Major Accomplishments

- The Board leads the United States of America in engaging young people in the administration of elections. In each citywide election, the Board trains and deploys 4,000 high school and college students to serve as Judges of Election and Polling Place Administrators to trouble-shoot equipment. The Board's success in recruiting and training high-school students owes greatly to a successful partnership with Mikva Challenge, an award-winning not-for-profit organization.
- The Board has led the State of Illinois in the consistent and successful lobbying for reforms to safeguard the voting rights of military personnel and civilians stationed overseas. The Board urged the change that today allows military and other overseas ballots to arrive up to 14 days after the Election and still be counted. The Board currently wants state and federal lawmakers to allow all overseas voters, particularly those in the military, to have the option of submitting voted ballots through a secured fax.
- For the recent Nov. 2, 2010 Election, the Chicago Board delivered 7,200 ballots to military and overseas civilians more than two weeks before the federal deadline. As a result, several hundred military and overseas civilians were the very first Chicagoans to vote in this election-starting in early September, a month before the launch of Early Voting locally.
- The Board made one of the more successful transitions to optical scan and touch screen balloting systems. Although the first election with the new equipment revealed challenges in the transmission of results, the successful use of receiving stations and polling place administrators resolved those issues-and became the models for other jurisdictions in addressing these same matters. Throughout this transition with the new equipment, and in elections conducted since then, the accuracy of all ballot tabulations has been upheld in all recount and audits.
- The Board created a website that provides voters with greater access to election information, including comprehensive information about each voter's registration status, their polling place, their election districts and even the real-time status of any absentee ballot application.
- The Board has led the State of Illinois in participation rates for newer balloting options that include Early Voting, Grace Period Voting and "no-excuse" Absentee Voting (also known as Vote by Mail).
- The Board employs a GPS tracking system to help assure the accurate delivery of election supplies to each precinct with the paper ballots and touch screens programmed specifically for that precinct.
- The Board created on-line training programs for Judges of Election and Polling Place Administrators.
- The Board was the first agency in the State of Illinois to provide a comprehensive and transparent system for logging and reporting all Election Day calls related to voter questions and concerns and how those problems are addressed.
- The Board engineered an automated system to assure the accurate and timely processing of candidate objections, particularly those related to questions about the authenticity of voter signatures on petitions. Now, the Board's judgment calls are logged in a computer program so that a clear record is available if any challenge goes to court.
- The Board successfully lobbied for a series of Election Calendar reforms in 2010 to assure that candidates and voter-objectors have more time to settle

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ballot issues in the event that any case is appealed in the courts. Were it not for this change, petition filing would have occurred a month later in mid-December, and objections would not begin to be heard until January.

- In the 1970s, the Board was the first agency in the state to utilize Hearing Officers to streamline the evidentiary hearings on candidate objections. This system allows the Board to process hundreds of cases simultaneously while building comprehensive records in the event there is a need for judicial review.
- In recognition of the Board's history for accurate and timely processing candidate objection cases, the General Assembly expanded the Board's role to include oversight of petition objections for all State Legislative and Congressional Districts that span both the City and Suburban Cook County.
- To aid in the transparency for all parties involved, the Board was the first agency in the state to create an instructional program on how to navigate the petition objection process and to offer candidates and other participants reference tools like the "Index of Electoral Board Decisions" sorted by topic and a "Library of Electoral Board Decisions" from 1980 to present.
- To help assure the accuracy of petition signature challenges, the Board was the first agency in the state to employ a forensic handwriting expert.
- The Chicago Election Board has a proud record of consistently consulting with voters, community groups, watchdog organizations, civic leaders, the news media and political organizations to seek and employ the best practices in election administration and to deliver important information to voters in a timely manner.

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	2010 Appropriation		Approved & Adopted	
			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
0651	Executive Director-Election Commissioners	SEL	1.0	132,110	1.0	132,110
0652	Election Commissioner	SEL	2.0	155,596	2.0	155,596
			4.0	\$378,929	4.0	\$378,929
Total Salaries and Positions			4.0	\$378,929	4.0	\$378,929

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

Grade	2010 Appropriation		Approved & Adopted	
	FTE Pos.	Salaries	FTE Pos.	Salaries
SEL	4.0	378,929	4.0	378,929
Total Salaries and Positions	4.0	\$378,929	4.0	\$378,929

