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ISSUE | CIVIC PARTICIPATION

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS (SBOE)



NORTH CAROLINA
State Board of Elections

- Administer state's campaign finance laws and regulations, increase political transparency and ensure integrity of election process
- Supervise activities of 100 county boards of elections which, in turn, conduct municipal, county, state and federal elections in accord with state election laws
- Appoint 3-member board & Director of Elections for each county

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2008, implemented Sunday Early Voting program
- In 2008, implemented Same-Day Registration for North Carolina voters
- Implemented publicly-financed elections for Council of State offices and state judges
- Asked NC General Assembly to appropriate \$660,000 to trigger release of \$4 million in federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds for 2012 elections (e.g., to fund early voting locations, voting machine maintenance and poll-worker training)
- Implemented electronic campaign finance reporting system

FISCAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Annual appropriation for FY13 is \$5.1 million (51 authorized positions)
- Annual appropriation for FY11 was \$6.6 million (65 authorized positions)
- Recent cuts reduce SBOE's ability to train poll workers, maintain voting machines and ensure smooth elections and jeopardize \$4 million in federal HAVA funds

KEY FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES

Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote voter registration and turnout by qualified, eligible citizens Provide citizens with educational materials on voting process Train local election officials
Campaign Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform and train county local election boards on campaign finance laws Inform and train candidates and political committee treasurers on campaign finance disclosure laws
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain statewide computerized voter registration system Furnish voter registration information to each county Approve all voting systems used in state and local elections
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure fair elections and protect constitutional rights of voters and candidates Administer Public Campaign Fund Investigate complaints to increase public confidence and limit discrimination

STRUCTURE

- Authority** – Statutory bi-partisan, quasi-judicial board
- Board** – 5 board members appointed by governor
- Staffing** – 52 staff, including 5 management and 47 staff
- Management** – 1 executive director, 1 general counsel and 3 deputy directors (administration, campaign finance and technology)
- Staff** – 16 administrative, 10 campaign finance and 21 technology staff

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