

BOARD OF ELECTIONS - 1450

MISSION

The mission of the Board of Elections is to register voters, conduct elections and to ensure their integrity.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The Board of Elections has responsibilities in three main areas:

Administration of Elections: The Board is responsible for the proper management of primary and general elections, as well as school board, fire district, village and special elections throughout Albany County.

Voter Registration: The Board promotes voter registration within the County. Registrations are reviewed to ensure that voters' addresses reflect actual residency. This also includes database management for over 230,000 current and expired registrants.

Education and Certification: The Board conducts annual seminars and examinations relating to election procedures and technology for approximately 1,400 election inspectors and ballot clerks in Albany County, as required by law. Information is also provided to candidates, political units, public entities and the general public.

The Board's operations are supervised by two Commissioners, each representing one of the two major political parties in New York State. The Commissioners are nominated by majority vote of the County Committees of their respective political parties and are confirmed by the County Legislature. The New York State Election Law requires equal representation of the two major political parties in the appointment of Board employees.

OUTCOMES

- Voter registration and elections in Albany County will be conducted honestly, fairly, lawfully and efficiently to ensure the integrity of the election process and maximum participation by eligible voters.
- The Board will rapidly release complete election results.

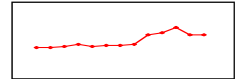
HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA)

The Board of Elections has begun the replacement of lever voting machines with new machines that are compliant with HAVA. The machines have increased accessibility for persons with disabilities and allow for voters to better ensure the accuracy of their vote before it is cast.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The 2011 budget does not propose eliminating any staff. Further, because of regulations governing staffing at the Board, the early retirement incentive was not offered to any staff because the required savings could not be achieved. Several contractual lines are reduced to be consistent with spending history.

APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$835,386
1999:	\$884,567
2000:	\$951,442
2001:	\$1,263,064
2002:	\$1,034,704
2003:	\$1,137,705
2004:	\$1,059,068
2005:	\$1,249,152
2006:	\$2,738,858
2007:	\$3,088,813
2008:	\$3,890,962
2009:	\$2,742,959
2010:	\$2,794,493

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