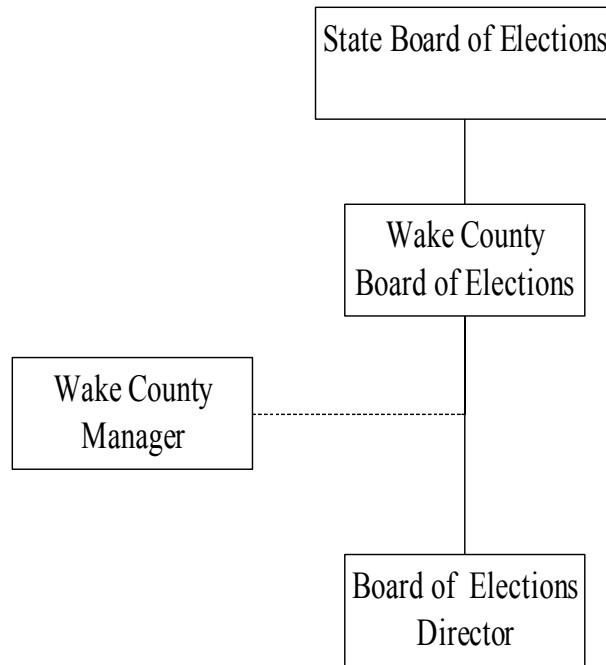


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Budget Summary

	FY2001-2002	FY2002-2003	FY2003-2004	FY2003-2004
	Actuals	Current Budget	Recommended	Adopted
Personal Services	\$962,927	\$1,155,322	\$1,248,029	\$1,248,029
Operating Expenses	\$457,403	\$978,228	\$1,133,665	\$1,133,665
Capital Outlay	\$88,377	\$99,975	\$0	\$0
Expenditure Totals	\$1,508,707	\$2,233,525	\$2,381,694	\$2,381,694
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$10,000	\$14,300	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Revenues	\$339,023	\$0	\$226,288	\$226,288
Revenue Totals	\$349,023	\$14,300	\$226,288	\$226,288

Position Count

	FY2001-2002	FY2002-2003	FY2003-2004	FY2003-2004
	Actuals	Current	Recommended	Adopted
Number of FTE's	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00

Department Description

The Board of Elections maintains the integrity of elections and ensures accuracy of voting results. Its mission is to make the election process inclusive for all eligible voters wanting to vote.

The Board of Elections maintains the voter registration records for the County pursuant to the requirements of federal and state statutes. It conducts all federal, state, county and municipal elections. The staff processes voter registrations, answers citizens' questions, and provides information on polling site locations and dates of scheduled elections.

The agency conducts regularly scheduled elections, special elections as required for constitutional amendments, bond referenda, and other called elections. Precinct officials are recruited and trained by the staff. The Board of Elections is responsible for establishing precincts and polling places. To ensure compliance with campaign finance laws, staff confers with candidates, officials, and political action committees.

List of Major Services

- Register candidates for public office
- Register eligible voters
- Manage voter precincts on election days
- Report results of elections
- Survey population patterns and voter participation for suitable voting sites

Business Plan Priorities

- Comply with statutory changes required by federal and state legislation.

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- Conduct elections in compliance with election laws in a courteous, accurate and efficient manner.
- Process all voter transactions in a timely and accurate manner, complying with reporting requirements set forth by the State and National Voter Registration Act.
- Reduce citizens' wait time at polling sites.
- Increase voter turn-out by administering new laws for "no excuse" absentee voting.

Highlights

Accomplishments in FY2002-03

- The primary election, normally held in May, was delayed as a result of the legal challenge of the re-drawing of legislative districts in North Carolina. The primary election was held on September 10, 2002 eliminating the second primary. The general election was held as usual.
- The Board of Elections staffed four one-stop voting satellite sites for the primary elections and eight one-stop sites for the general election. These sites were in addition to the one-stop site required by law at the Board of Election's office.
- Voter cards were mailed to all voters updating Congressional, North Carolina House, and Senate districts.
- Processed 50,000 undeliverable cards pursuant to National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).

Key Issues for FY2003-04

- A goal of the Board of Elections is to reduce wait time at the poll. One way to help accomplish this goal is to reduce precinct size to under 3,000 registered voters. Due to a statutory freeze on creating new precincts, no additional precincts could be created.
- The United States Congress enacted the "Help America Vote Act" (HAVA) in 2002, and the North Carolina General Assembly passed legislation to make the state HAVA compliant. This legislation impacts funding required for all elections.
- Continue to test Direct Record Equipment (DRE's) for voting. By 2006, all counties must have one piece of voting equipment per precinct to allow disabled voters to vote unassisted. Wake County's current optical scan does not meet this requirement.
- Redistricting for North Carolina House and Senate.
- Conduct two elections. One election will cover the City of Raleigh, Town of Cary, Wake County Board of Education, Wake County Bond Referenda, and the City of Raleigh Bond Referendum. Another election will cover municipal elections for Apex, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Morrisville, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell, Zebulon, and any run-off elections from the Raleigh, Cary or Board of Education elections.
- Staff and operate one-stop sites for the upcoming elections in Cary, Knightdale, Garner and Wendell.
- Conduct primary 2004 election and possible June runoff election.

Performance Measurement	FY2001-02 Actual	FY2002-03 Actual	FY2003-04 Objective
Complaints as a percent of votes cast	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Precincts with more than 3,000 votes	25	30	n/a*
Time required to electronically transmit results	.5 hr.	1 hr.	.5 hr.

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Performance Measurement	FY2001-02 Actual	FY2002-03 Actual	FY2003-04 Objective
Cost per voter registration card processed	\$0.95	\$0.98	\$1.01
Precincts administered (# of precincts x number of elections)	362	394	543
Elections held	2	3	3
Presiding election officials	1,450	3,710	3,096
Voter registration cards processed	159,000	462,564*	552,000**

* Statutory freeze on creating new precincts in effect **Redistricting

