

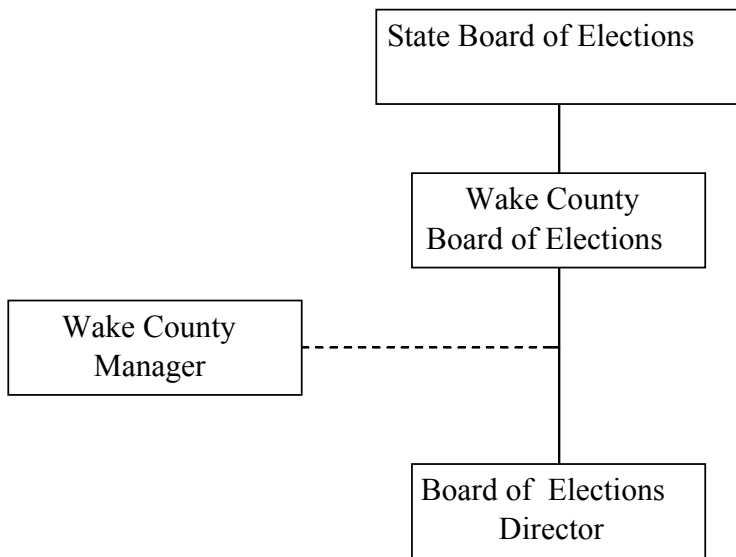
*Fiscal Year 2002-2003
Adopted Budget*

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board of Elections Organizational Chart

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*Wake County Board of Elections
Fiscal Year 2002-2003*



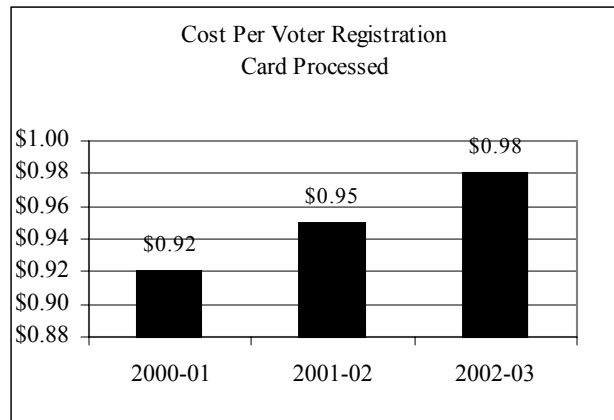
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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.



GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT	FY2000-2001 Actual	FY2001-2002 Estimated	FY2002-2003 Objective
Board of Election Measures			
Complaints as a percent of votes cast	.050%	.050%	.050%
Precincts with more than 3,000 voters	28	25	30
Time required to electronically transmit results	1 hr.	.5 hr.	1 hr.
Cost per voter registration card processed	\$.92	\$.95	\$.98
Precincts administered (# of precincts x number of elections)	169	362	543
Elections Held	1	2	3
Presiding election officials	2,426	1,450	3,710
Voter registrations cards processed	299,312	159,000	552,000

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY2001-2002

- Conducted elections for the City of Raleigh, Town of Cary and the Board of Education in October, 2001 and run-off elections in November, 2001.
- Surveyed the county for suitable voting sites for one-stop voting sites.
- Verified names on petitions submitted for Libertarian Party to remain a recognized political party and verified names on petitions regarding incorporation of Swift Creek.

KEY ISSUES FOR FY2002-2003

- Conduct two elections, including the primary election and the general election. 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.
- Funds for a second primary election (\$211,000) are included in this budget in a reserve account. Because of the delay in the primary election from May to September, the State is considering eliminating the second primary election for this year.
- Additional funds for four one-stop sites voting satellite sites for the primary elections and eight one-stop sites for the general election are not included in this budget. These sites are in addition to the one site required by law.
- 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 per precinct. Funds were included in the FY2002 budget to add 21 new precincts. With the delays caused by the legislative district legal challenge, adding these new precincts has been put on-hold until after the November 2002 general election. In FY2003 the five most crowded pre-

cincts will be addressed. The total number of precincts will increase from 169 to 174 by October 2003. Equipment was purchased for these new precincts in 2001-02. Postage to notify voters of the precinct change will be the only major expense. Additional election costs will not be incurred until FY2004.

- Implement no excuse voting by mail.

ISSUES ON THE HORIZON

- Work towards allowing 17 and 18 year old high school students to work at the precincts on election day as part of their community service requirement towards graduation. This would need legislative action or approval from the State Board of Elections.
- Rent laptop computers for each precinct on election day in lieu of printing voter registration books. This would need legislative action or approval from the State Board of Elections.
- Begin feasibility and advisability study of direct record equipment.
- Continue to explore ways to increase voter turn-out.
- Additional precincts to reduce wait time at the poll will need to be established.

Budget Summary

Board of Elections	FY 2000-2001 Actuals	FY2001-2002 Current Budget	FY2002-2003 Recommended	FY2002-2003 Adopted
Personal Services	\$940,284	\$1,192,836	\$1,276,912	\$1,163,762
Operating Expenses	\$343,043	\$972,245	\$861,012	\$974,162
Capital Outlay	\$107,100	\$136,000	\$0	\$0
EXPENDITURE TOTALS	\$1,390,427	\$2,301,081	\$2,137,924	\$2,137,924
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$41,767	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Fees & Other Revenues	\$1,254	\$372,900	\$0	\$0
REVENUE TOTALS	\$43,021	\$382,900	\$0	\$0

Position Count

	FY2001 Actual	FY2002 Actual	FY2003 Recomm.	FY2003 Adopted
Number of FTE's	13.0	15.0	0.0	15.0

