

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
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I. Goal

To provide secure, accessible, and convenient election services to all citizens statewide.

II. Objectives and Policies

To maximize voter participation in the electoral process by developing policies and procedures that encourages registration and turnout.

A. Direct and coordinate election services statewide and assist counties with county elections.

1. Provide election services statewide.
2. Prepare, procure, and control inventory of election ballots for state and concurrently conducted county elections statewide.
3. Provide secure, accessible, and convenient voting services to all eligible voters statewide.
4. Process, tabulate, and distribute election results statewide.
5. Provide computer support services (hardware and software applications) for elections (state and county) and related agencies.
6. Provide logistical and warehousing support for elections (state and county) and related agencies.

B. Provide voter registration services to qualified citizens.

1. Maximize voter registration statewide.
2. Equalize voter registration between districts statewide.

The Office of Elections coordinates its activities to maximize and equalize voter registration in close participation with the Offices of the City/County Clerks.

- C. Provide public education with respect to voter registration and information.

Election information must be made more available to the public. We foresee continued utilization of the Internet and print and electronic media to provide voter education and candidate information.

- D. Maintain data relating to registered voters, elections, apportionment, and districting.

We strive to increase accessibility of information by making statistical data readily available to the general public. We will continue to post election reports, results, and other pertinent information on our office Internet website.

- E. Serve as secretary and furnish all necessary technical services to the Reapportionment Commission.

The Reapportionment Commission convened in 2011. The Office of Elections is responsible for providing administrative and technical support to the Reapportionment Commission. The office has worked with the Department of Census Bureau to ensure records are maintained and updated for the reapportionment.

- F. Provide staff support to the Elections Commission

The Office of Elections shall provide staff support to the Elections Commission as requested. The duties of the Elections Commission are to hold public hearings, investigate and hold hearings for receiving evidence of any violations and complaints, adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, employ a full-time chief election officer, and advise the chief election officer relating to elections.

- G. Provide staff support to the Board of Registration

We shall continue to provide staff support to the Board of Registration. The purpose of the Board is to hear and decide appeals that arise from a voter challenge or from an appeal of a clerk's decision regarding voter registration.

H. Conduct elections in compliance with all federal and state laws.

This includes, but not limited to, the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Voting Right's Act (VRA), National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, and American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

III. Action Plan with Timetable

A. Past Year Accomplishments (FY2016)

1. Planned for the 2016 Primary and General Elections.
2. Procured election supplies for the 2016 Primary and General Elections.
3. Launched the Online Voter Registration System.
4. Continued the building of the Statewide Voter Registration System.

B. One-Year (FY2017)

1. Conduct the 2016 Primary and General Elections.
2. Review, assess and evaluate the 2016 Elections activities.
3. Conduct stand-down activities from the 2016 Elections.
4. Conduct preventive maintenance on election equipment.
5. Implement new election procedures and materials based on evaluation of 2016 Elections.
6. Initiate design of the Election Management System.
7. Continued building of the Statewide Voter Registration System to prepare for full implementation in the 2018 Elections.
8. Initiate and continue preparations for the 2018 Primary and General Elections, including procurement of election equipment, supplies, materials and services.

- C. Two-Year (as of June 30, 2018)
 - 1. To have conducted the 2016 Primary and General Elections.
 - 2. Implement any new procedures for the 2018 election cycles, including Same Day Voter Registration at polling places on election days.
 - 3. Conduct stand-down activities from the 2016 Primary and General Elections. Review, assess and evaluate 2016 activities.
 - 4. Implement Election Management System.
 - 5. Continue to prepare for implementation of Statewide Voter Registration System for 2018 Elections.

- D. Five Years (as of June 30, 2021)
 - 1. To have conducted the 2020 Primary and General Elections.
 - 2. To have implemented new procedures for the 2020 Primary and General Elections, including Same Day Voter Registration at polling places on election days.
 - 3. To have conducted stand-down activities from the 2020 Primary and General Elections.
 - 4. To have assessed and implemented new procedures for the 2022 Primary and General Elections.
 - 5. To maintain and monitor the Election Management System, in order to assess and if necessary, alter aspects of the system based on its initial usage during the 2018 and 2020 Primary and General Elections.
 - 6. To maintain and monitor Statewide Voter Registration System, in order to assess and if necessary, alter aspects of the system based on its initial usage during the 2018 and 2020 Primary and General Elections.
 - 7. To prepare to provide support to the Reapportionment Commission to conduct the 2021 Reapportionment based on the 2020 Census data.

IV. Performance Measures

A. Customer Satisfaction Measure

The number of complaints and challenges we receive, on or following each election. This data is important to determine how effectively voters have been informed of their rights and responsibilities and how effectively we have served their communities.

B. Program Standard Measure

The number of people who continue to register to vote and cast their vote on Election Day.

C. Cost Effectiveness Measure

No effective measurement of benefit is available except for feedback from voters and expenditures not exceeding budget amount.