

Department of Elections

Proposed Budget

FY 2026 – 2027 and FY 2027 – 2028

Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing
June 10, 2026



Mission and Key Objectives

The mission of the Department of Elections is to conduct free, fair, and functional elections and to provide equitable access to voting services.



Key objectives:

- Deliver accessible, multilingual, and equitable voting services
- Ensure compliance with local, state, and federal election laws
- Promote public awareness and voter participation
- Maintain accurate voter rolls and election-related data to strengthen public trust



Budget Alignment and Mission

Over the next two fiscal years, the Department will administer two elections:

1. Consolidated General Election (November 3, 2026)
2. Consolidated Presidential Primary Election (March 7, 2028)

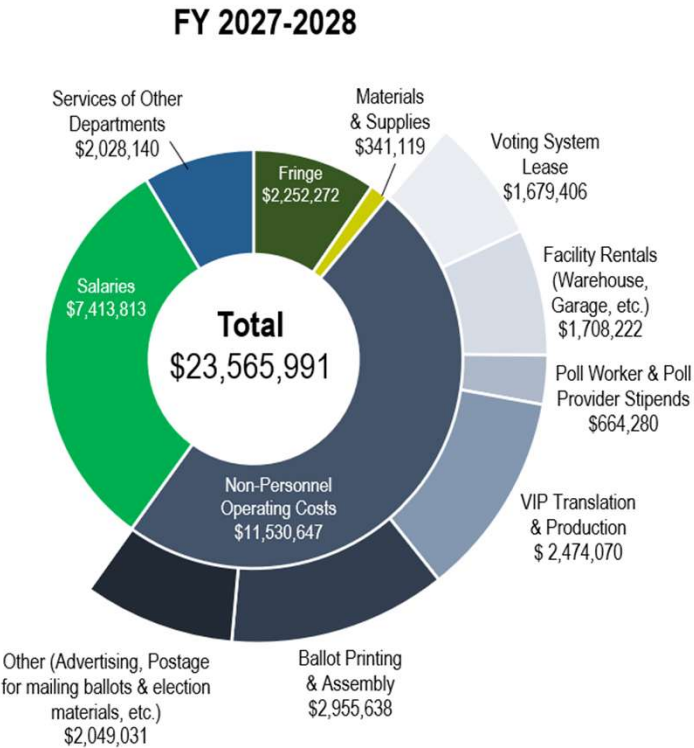
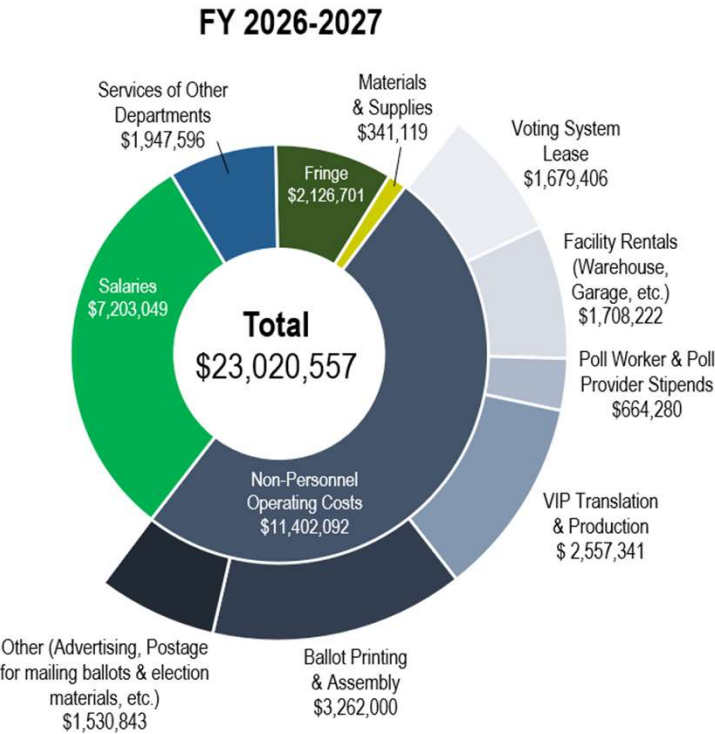
Our budget supports the delivery of accessible, secure, and reliable services in each of these elections.





Budget Allocation

The Department’s proposed budget is \$22.1M for FY 2026–27, consisting of \$23.0M in expenditures offset by \$0.9M in revenue. For FY 2027–28, the proposed budget is \$23.2M, with \$23.6M in expenditures and \$0.4M in revenue.





Response to Budget Instructions:

In making these determinations, the Department considered statutory requirements, operational necessity, and the potential impact on the delivery of services to voters:

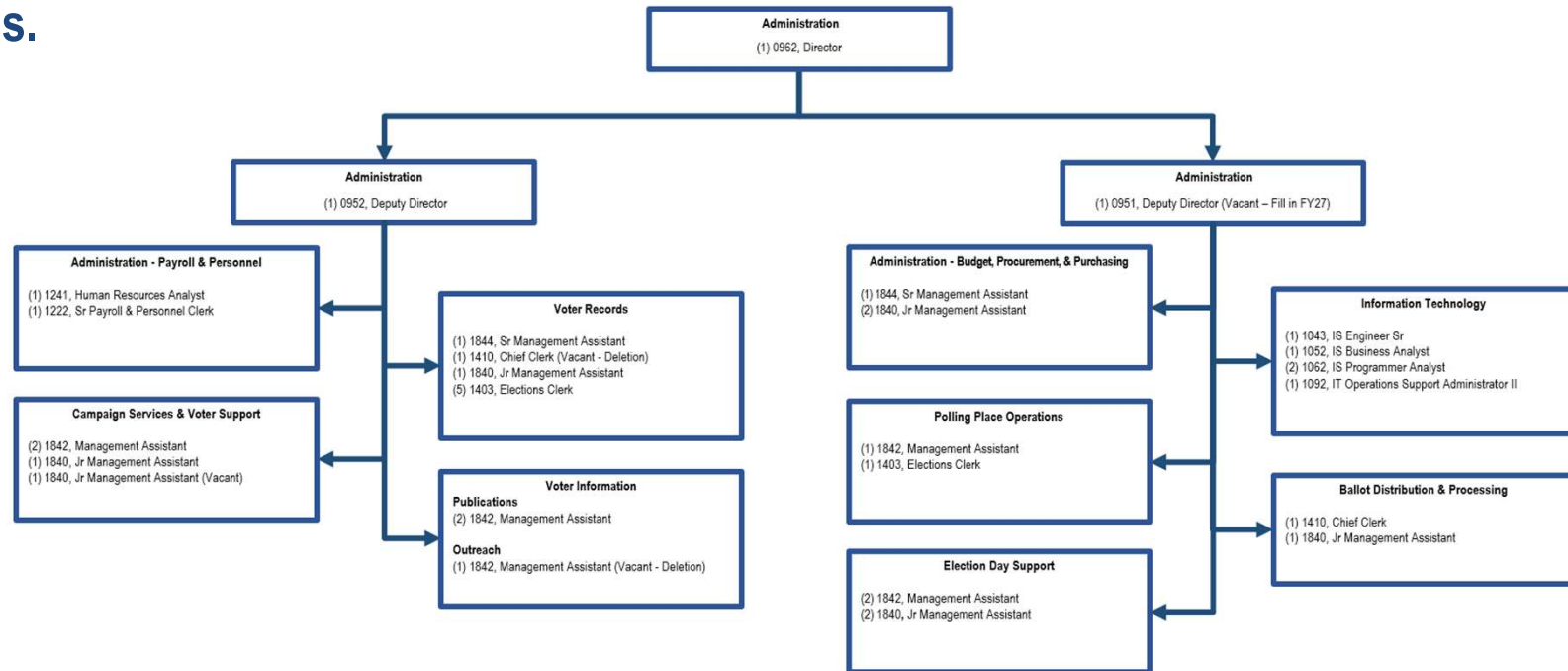
Core Operational Services were identified as programs required by election law or those necessary to administer elections and provide essential voter services.

Strategic Programs were identified as initiatives that improve operational efficiency, voter access, and public engagement.

Discretionary Programs were identified as activities that could be reduced or delayed with the least impact on the Department's ability to meet its legal obligations and core service requirements.

Organizational Structure

For FY27, the Department's staffing level will decrease from 36.5 to 34.5 FTE positions, with an attrition rate of 2.6 FTE positions. Of the 34.5 FTE positions, 3.0 (9%) are management positions. In addition, the Department employs hundreds of temporary workers to support its operations.



Closing

The Department of Elections is committed to conducting free, fair, functional, and secure elections while maintaining efficient operations and equitable access for all voters.

