

Department Name	Albany County Board of Elections
Account(s)	A1450

Department Function
The Board of Elections is responsible for the proper administration and management of primary and general elections, as well as some school boards, fire districts, villages and special elections throughout Albany County. Its 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 confirmed by the County Legislature. Among the duties and functions of the board is the processing and maintenance of voter registrations, database management of 197,443 current active registrants, being sole custodian of enrollment lists and maps of election districts and processing petitions filed for candidates to public office and referendums. In preparation for the election, the Board also oversees the maintenance, preparation, storage and transportation of voting machines, electronic poll books and on-demand printers. It also prints and processes all ballot materials on-site, achieving significant taxpayer savings. The Board conducts annual seminars and examinations relating to election procedures and technology for approximately 1324 election inspectors in Albany County, as required by law. The primary mission of the Board is to promote citizen confidence in the democratic process and enhance voter participation in elections by ensuring all eligible Albany County residents have an opportunity to register and vote.

Current Year Highlights
With the resumption of pre-pandemic activities and the elimination of the governor's executive orders, the focus of the Board this year has more heavily shifted to the implementation of newly enacted and anticipated election law changes, modernization of election technology and strengthening cybersecurity. In the past year, the State Legislature has tackled many election law reforms that have further expanded and altered our operations concerning absentee ballots, early voting and manual audits of election results. Additionally, the state is in the process of certifying new software and voting technology that we hope to incorporate for a more enhanced and efficient voting experience and are exploring our options. We are also working in conjunction with cybersecurity firms to protect voter data and voting equipment from intrusion. Lastly, with the completion of the census, the Board has successfully completed redistricting of voters for State Legislative Districts.

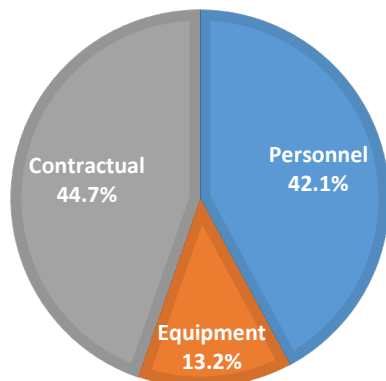
Next Year Projects
In looking forward to 2023, the primary goal of the Board will be to incorporate advancements in technology to modernize our elections operation, creating greater efficiencies and taxpayer savings. Through the availability of grants, and opportunities presented through redistricting, we will be purchasing additional ballot on demand systems to be used in the consolidation of election districts at poll sites, cutting back on costs associated with the hiring of inspectors and renting poll sites. The ballot on demand systems also increase rate of accuracy in the issuance of ballots while cutting back on paper and ink costs associated with the printing of ballots. Additionally, the Board will continue its work to enhance election security through cybersecurity remediation and mitigation services. In 2022, the Board began to undergo a comprehensive risk assessment of its election infrastructure, resulting in numerous steps taken to address risks identified. The undertaking will continue into 2023, with greater security enhancements implemented. Lastly, the final redistricting phase will be implemented with newly drawn election districts to conform to Federal, State and County Legislative district boundaries.

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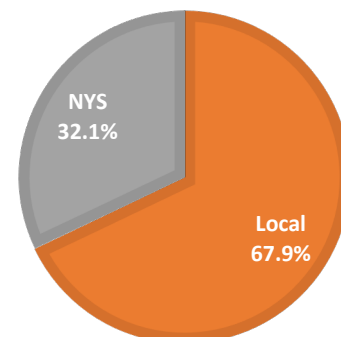
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Financial Charts

FORECASTED COSTS, BY TYPE



FORECASTED REVENUES, BY TYPE



Anticipated expenses are split across personnel, contractual, and equipment costs. Equipment costs are comprised of the elections and computer equipment needed to successfully and safely run the County's elections. Personnel costs are primarily for staff members overseeing the election process and those who coordinate with community partners to run election sites.

The largest portion of revenue for the BOE are the Elections Chargebacks that each municipality within the County pays for elections services.

The 2023 Budget has a forecasted County Share of \$3.70 million for the BOE.

Programmatic Highlights

Statistics	2020	2021	2022
Number of Elections	2	2	3
Voter Registrations Processed	22,446	11,915	NA
Number of Election Districts	319	319	319
Number of Early Voting Sites	6	6	7
Number of Election Day Poll Sites	109	109	109
Number of Poll Workers Trained	1,236	1,143	NA
Number of Active Registered Voters	197,214	195,355	197,420
Number of Absentee Ballots Returned GE	31,494	6,053	NA

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