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Ohio Elections Commission

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ROLE

The Ohio Elections Commission (ELC) oversees political party spending, campaign finance, and corporate political contributions to ensure compliance with the Ohio elections law as provided in R.C. sections 3517.151 to 3517.157.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
10	\$592,840	\$615,340	\$294,180	\$302,417	Am. Sub. H. B. 94

OVERVIEW

Ten individuals comprise the Ohio Elections Commission. Seven people are commission members, including three Republicans, three Democrats, and one Independent. The commission employs a staff of three people, including an executive director and two administrative assistants. Fifty percent of the Commission's budget during the FY 2002 – FY 2003 biennium is projected to come from filing fees and fines.

BUDGET ISSUES

In FY 2002, for the first time, the Election Commission's budget is about equally divided between the GRF and the Ohio Elections Fund (4P2). In previous budgets, the funding was weighted more heavily toward the GRF. See the table below. 

	FY 2001		FY 2002		FY 2003	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
General Revenue Fund	\$433,299	78.8%	\$294,180	49.6%	\$302,417	49.1%
Ohio Elections Fund	\$116,756	21.2%	\$298,660	50.4%	\$312,923	50.9%
Elections Commission Total	\$550,055	100.0%	\$592,840	100.0%	\$615,340	100.0%

FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 1999:</i>	<i>FY 2000:</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted						
ELC Ohio Elections Commission									
GRF	051-321	Operating Expenses	\$ 429,505	\$ 418,726	\$433,299	\$ 294,180	-32.11%	\$ 302,417	2.80%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 429,505	\$ 418,726	\$ 433,299	\$ 294,180	-32.11%	\$ 302,417	2.80%
4P2	051-601	Ohio Elections Commission	\$ 80,762	\$ 124,679	\$116,756	\$ 298,660	155.80%	\$ 312,923	4.78%
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 80,762	\$ 124,679	\$ 116,756	\$ 298,660	155.80%	\$ 312,923	4.78%
Ohio Elections Commission Total			\$ 510,267	\$ 543,405	\$ 550,055	\$ 592,840	7.78%	\$ 615,340	3.80%