

- Commission's funding is split between GRF and Fund 4P2
- Increase in corporate registrations of contributions due to more companies contributing to ballot issue committees

## Elections Commission, Ohio

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### ROLE

The Ohio Elections Commission (ELC) members, consisting of three Republicans and three Democrats, plus one Independent, provide oversight, advice, and enforcement in the area of political party spending, campaign finance, truth in advertising, and corporate political contributions to ensure compliance with Ohio Elections Law.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
10	\$608,000	\$617,000	\$295,000	\$295,000	Am. Sub. H. B. 95

\*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

### OVERVIEW

The Ohio Elections Commission (ELC) oversees compliance with the Ohio Elections Law set forth in Chapter 3517. of the Revised Code. The Commission issues advisory opinions on campaign finance questions, responds to questions about campaign activities, and acts as an enforcement body for the policing of campaign activities.

Fifty-two percent (52%) of the Elections Commission budget during the FY 2004-2005 biennium will come from fines and filing fees. The Commission receives a majority of its filing fee revenue between August and October in even-numbered years because most local candidates file their petitions to run for elected office in this time period.

The increase in corporate registrations of contributions correlates with an increase of tax issues (school tax levies and other property tax levies), and more companies contributing to ballot issue committees. 

**FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Group**

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003:</i>	<i>FY 2004 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2003 to 2004:</i>	<i>FY 2005 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2004 to 2005:</i>
<b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>		<b>Version: Enacted</b>					
<b>ELC Ohio Elections Commission</b>							
GRF 051-321 Operating Expenses	\$ 433,299	\$ 277,494	\$296,065	\$ 294,857	-0.41%	\$ 294,857	0.00%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>	<b>\$ 433,299</b>	<b>\$ 277,494</b>	<b>\$ 296,065</b>	<b>\$ 294,857</b>	<b>-0.41%</b>	<b>\$ 294,857</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
4P2 051-601 Ohio Elections Commission	\$ 116,756	\$ 296,319	\$308,174	\$ 312,716	1.47%	\$ 321,766	2.89%
<b>State Special Revenue Fund Group Total</b>	<b>\$ 116,756</b>	<b>\$ 296,319</b>	<b>\$ 308,174</b>	<b>\$ 312,716</b>	<b>1.47%</b>	<b>\$ 321,766</b>	<b>2.89%</b>
<b>Ohio Elections Commission Total</b>	<b>\$ 550,055</b>	<b>\$ 573,813</b>	<b>\$ 604,239</b>	<b>\$ 607,573</b>	<b>0.55%</b>	<b>\$ 616,623</b>	<b>1.49%</b>