

<b>AGENCY NAME:</b>	State Election Commission		
<b>AGENCY CODE:</b>	E28	<b>SECTION:</b>	101



**Fiscal Year 2018-19  
Agency Budget Plan**

**FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY**

**OPERATING  
REQUESTS  
(FORM B1)**

<b>For FY 2018-19, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

**NON-RECURRING  
REQUESTS  
(FORM B2)**

<b>For FY 2018-19, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

**CAPITAL  
REQUESTS  
(FORM C)**

<b>For FY 2018-19, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

**PROVISOS  
(FORM D)**

<b>For FY 2018-19, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
<b>PRIMARY CONTACT:</b>	Janet Reynolds	(803) 734-9069	jreynolds@elections.sc.gov
<b>SECONDARY CONTACT:</b>	Marci Andino	(803) 734-9060	marci@elections.sc.gov

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2018-19 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<i>Agency Director</i>	<i>Board or Commission Chair</i>
<b>SIGN/DATE:</b>		
<b>TYPE/PRINT NAME:</b>	Marci Andino	Billy Way, Jr.

*This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.*

*10/15/18*

Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget Request Executive Summary

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 Agency Name: State Election Commission  
 Section:

BUDGET REQUESTS			FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Security of Election Infrastructure	250,000	0	0	0	250,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B2 - Non-Recurring	Special Election Fund Recoupment	650,000	0	0	0	650,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B2 - Non-Recurring	New Statewide Voting System	20,000,000	0	0	0	20,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B2 - Non-Recurring	Refresh/Refurbish of Statewide Voting System	4,000,000	0	0	0	4,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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29							0					0.00
30							0					0.00
TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTS			24,900,000	0	0	0	24,900,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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**FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	<b>1 – Form #13079</b>
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Security of Election Infrastructure</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>General: \$250,000</b> <b>Federal:</b> <b>Other:</b> <b>Total: \$250,000</b>
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2018-19? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	<b>None</b>
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark “X” for all that apply:</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # _____	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark “X” for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens

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<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	<p><b>Goal #1</b> - Provide for a system of voter registration that is free of barriers. <b>Goal #2</b> - Certify and support a statewide voting system that meets state law, federal voting system standards and is accessible for all voters. <b>Goal #3</b> - Support counties in conducting voter registration and fair, open and impartial elections.</p> <p>Funding is necessary to ensure that the state’s infrastructure which supports the statewide voting system and voter registration system are secure.</p> <p>Funds are continually monitored internally and are included in agreed upon procedures audits by the State Auditor’s Office.</p>
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*What specific agency objective, as outlined in the agency’s accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that objective? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b>	<p>The SEC would be the recipient of the funds. The funds are subject to be allocated through a contract with an existing vendor to provide vulnerability management of the state’s election infrastructure. Additional funds would be allocated through the use of state contracts or a competitive process as needed.</p>
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*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

<b>JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST</b>	<p>It is critical that the SEC take all reasonable measures to protect the state’s election infrastructure, which includes both the statewide voter registration system and the statewide voting system. In January 2017, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security designated election infrastructure as a subsector of the Government Facilities critical infrastructure sector. However, no federal or state funding has been appropriated.</p> <p>The SEC works with the Department of Administrations – Department of Technology Office (DTO) and our vulnerability management vendor on a daily basis to identify ways to increase the security of all agency networks, public facing websites, and both the voter registration and voting systems. These funds would be used to purchase services and products to better secure the state’s election infrastructure on an ongoing basis, and to secure the state’s election infrastructure for future elections.</p>
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*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.*

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**FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	<b>2 – Form #13080</b>
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Special Election Funds Recoupment</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2018-19? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark “X” for all that apply:</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/> IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consulted DTO during development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding	
<input type="checkbox"/> Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # _____	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark “X” for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	<b>Goal #2</b> - Certify and support a statewide voting system that meets state law, federal voting system standards and is accessible for all voters. <b>Goal #3</b> - Support counties in conducting voter registration and fair, open and impartial elections.
	Adequate funding is necessary to conduct elections. Statewide election funds were used to absorb the cost for the unusually large number of specials held in Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018. Additional funding is necessary to ensure adequate funding for the 2018 statewide primaries and runoffs.
	Funds are continually monitored internally and are included in agreed upon procedures audits conducted by the State Auditor’s Office.

*What specific agency objective, as outlined in the agency’s accountability report, does*

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*this funding request support? How would this request advance that objective? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b>	<p>The SEC would be the recipient of the funds and would use them to replenish statewide election funds which were used to absorb the cost of the numerous special primaries, runoffs, and elections for U. S. House of Representatives District 5, State Senate and State House of Representatives.</p>
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*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

<b>JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST</b>	<p>Since January 2017, special election have either been held or are scheduled to be held in U.S. House District 5, State Senate District 3 and in 8 State House Districts (28, 31, 48, 56, 70, 84, 99, and 113). Special elections have also been held for various countywide or less than countywide offices.</p> <p>The SEC reimburses counties for all expenses related to special primaries and runoffs and some expenses associated with special elections. The Agency uses statewide election funds and candidate filing fees to cover the costs. Due to the large number of special elections, this will impact the SEC’s ability to fund statewide primaries, runoffs and the 2018 general election.</p> <p>The actual/estimated cost of the special primaries and elections is:</p> <p>U. S. House District 5: \$500,000  Senate District 3: \$ 60,000  House Districts: \$ 90,000</p> <p>The SEC has recurring authority of \$100,000 for special elections, but filing fees collected from candidates does not provide the funding necessary to conduct the special elections.</p> <p>The SEC does not have any other funding sources which can be used for this initiative.</p>
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*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. Does this non-recurring appropriation request create an annualization or need for recurring funds?*

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**FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	<b>3 – Form #13081</b> <i>Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.</i>
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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>New Statewide Voting System</b> <i>Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.</i>
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<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$20,000,000</b> <i>What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2018-19? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.</i>
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<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark “X” for all that apply:</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/> IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consulted DTO during development
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding	
<input type="checkbox"/> Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # _____	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark “X” for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	<b>Goal #2</b> - Certify and support a statewide voting system that meets state law, federal voting system standards and is accessible for all voters. <b>Goal #3</b> - Support counties in conducting voter registration and fair, open and impartial elections.
	Replacement of the current statewide voting system is necessary to ensure votes can be cast and counted correctly.
	Funds are continually monitored internally and are included in agreed upon procedures audits conducted by the State Auditor’s Office. <i>What specific agency objective, as outlined in the agency’s accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that objective? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?</i>

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<b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b>	<p>The SEC would be the recipient of the funds and would provide payment to the vendor awarded the contract to provide the statewide voting system.</p>
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*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

<b>JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST</b>	<p>The purpose of this request is to build a fund to replace the statewide voting system in approximately 3–4 years.</p> <p>The current statewide voting system was implemented in 2004/2005 at a cost of \$34.6M. The current system has a life expectancy of 12–15 years. The current statewide voting system has performed well in thousands of elections held across the state. However, replacement of the system is necessary in order to ensure votes can be cast and counted accurately. New voting systems would include a paper record of each vote, as well as, including enhanced security features.</p> <p>As recommended in the report of the General Assembly’s Joint Voting System Research Committee, the Agency has explored all options to extend the life of the existing voting system, and anticipates purchasing a new system in approximately 3-4 years.</p> <p>The SEC anticipates new federal voting system standards to be released in mid-2018 and vendors will produce new systems to meet the standards in 2019 or 2020.</p> <p>There are no matching or federal funds available for the purchase of a new voting system, and none are anticipated. If funding is not provided, the current voting system could experience a higher failure rate and public trust in the election process will decline. Widespread failure of the voting system could result in an election being overturned and a new election ordered. This would be very costly for the State.</p>
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*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. Does this non-recurring appropriation request create an annualization or need for recurring funds?*



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**FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	<b>4 – Form #13082</b> <i>Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.</i>
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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Refresh/Refurbish of Statewide Voting System</b> <i>Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.</i>
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	<b>\$4,000,000</b> <i>What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2018-19? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.</i>
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<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark “X” for all that apply:</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/> IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consulted DTO during development
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding
<input type="checkbox"/> Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # _____	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark “X” for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	<p><b>Goal #2</b> - Certify and support a statewide voting system that meets state law, federal voting system standards and is accessible for all voters. This request will advance the objective by providing increased maintenance efforts to ensure the aging statewide voting system works properly until such time that funding and new voting technology are available.</p> <p>Funds are continually monitored internally and are included in agreed upon procedures audits conducted by the State Auditor’s Office.</p>
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*What specific agency objective, as outlined in the agency’s accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that objective? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

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<b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b>	The SEC would be the recipient of the funds and would pay the voting system manufacturer to refresh/refurbish the statewide voting system.
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*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

<b>JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST</b>	<p>A well maintained voting system is critical to conducting fair and accurate elections and maintaining voter confidence. In order to ensure our statewide voting system functions properly in future elections, the system requires intensive maintenance and enhancements.</p> <p>The purpose of this request is to extend the life of the state’s current voting system by refreshing/refurbishing the system until such time new voting system standards are issued, vendors produce voting systems to meet the standards and funding for a new voting system is provided.</p> <p>In March 2016, the South Carolina General Assembly published a Report of the Joint Voting System Research Committee in which they recommended that all options be considered including maintaining the existing equipment in order to purchase a more advanced technology in the future. It is anticipated that new federal voting system standards will be approved in 2018.</p> <p>In an effort to extend the life of the voting system, the SEC worked with the vendor to identify common points of failure and performance issues identified through a review of maintenance records. The vendor has included ways to mitigate these failures and performance issues in the proposed refresh/refurbish of the system. The following enhancements to the system are required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• replace touchscreens and brackets on voting machines</li> <li>• evaluate communication packs and repair/replace damaged components</li> <li>• replace ballot scanners with digital scanners</li> </ul> <p>Other enhancements previously included have already been implemented or will be implemented by the SEC and county boards of registration and elections.</p> <p>If funding for the refresh/refurbish is not provided, South Carolina runs the risk of voting system failure or performance issues that could impact an election and erode public confidence in our election system.</p>
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*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. Does this non-recurring appropriation request create an annualization or need for recurring funds?*

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**FORM D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST**

**NUMBER**      101.1

*Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list for FY 2018-19 (or mark "NEW").*

**TITLE**      **ELECT: County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Compensation**

*Provide the title from the FY 2017-18 Appropriations Act or suggest a short title for any new request.*

**BUDGET PROGRAM**      **IV. Distribution to Subdivisions**

*Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.*

**RELATED BUDGET REQUEST**      None

*Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2018-19? If so, cite it here.*

**REQUESTED ACTION**      **Amend**

*Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.*

**OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED**      None

*Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?*

**SUMMARY & EXPLANATION**

County boards of voter registration and election board members are charged with overseeing voter registration and all elections at the county level requiring board members to become knowledgeable in all areas of election in South Carolina.

Each county board is allowed by law no less than five (5) and no more than nine (9) members. Proviso 101.1 provides each board member \$1,500 annually. Proviso 101.1 further states that counties may receive no more than \$12,500 for board member stipend per fiscal year.

Under the current proviso, the SEC is not authorized to provide the full stipend per member to boards with 9 members due to the county cap. There are currently 17 counties with 9 board members. The SEC is requesting that the cap be increased to \$13,500 per year in order to provide all board members with the full stipend regardless of whether the board has the maximum number of nine (9) members as appointed by the county legislative delegation.

*Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.*

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<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<p>No additional funding is needed. The SEC has reviewed the amount needed to provide the full stipend to the current number of board members and has concluded that the current funding appropriated is sufficient.</p>
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*Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.*

<b>PROPOSED PROVISIO TEXT</b>	<p><b>101.1.</b> (ELECT: County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Compensation)  The amounts appropriated in this section for "County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Board Members," shall be disbursed annually to the County Treasurer at the rate of \$1,500 for each member, not to exceed <del>\$12,500</del> <u>\$13,500</u> per county. The County Treasurer shall use these funds only for the compensation of County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Board Members. Any funds not used for this purpose shall be returned to the State Treasurer. These funds are exempted from mandated budget reductions. In addition, in the calculation of any across the board agency base reductions mandated by the Executive Budget Office or the General Assembly, the amount of funds appropriated for compensation of County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Board Members shall be excluded from the agency's base budget. Unexpended funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and shall be utilized for special primaries, runoffs, and elections.</p>
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*Paste FY 2017-18 text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.*

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## FORM D – PROVISIO REVISION REQUEST

<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>101.10</b>
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*Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list for FY 2018-19 (or mark "NEW").*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ELECT: HAVA Match Funds</b>
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*Provide the title from the FY 2017-18 Appropriations Act or suggest a short title for any new request.*

<b>BUDGET PROGRAM</b>	<b>None</b>
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*Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.*

<b>RELATED BUDGET REQUEST</b>	None
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*Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2018-19? If so, cite it here.*

<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	<b>Delete</b>
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*Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.*

<b>OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED</b>	None
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*Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?*

<b>SUMMARY &amp; EXPLANATION</b>	<p>In 2003, all states received federal funds to assist with improving elections through the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). The funds were provided on a 95/5 percent match. South Carolina received less federal funding than was originally indicated. Matching funds were requested based on the original estimate, and the full state matching amount was appropriated. Due to South Carolina receiving less funds than anticipated, excess matching funds were available with no federal funds to match.</p> <p>At the end of FY 2016-17, the SEC and county boards of voter registration and elections conducted 8 special primaries, runoffs and elections that consisted of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six State House of Representative</li> <li>• 1 Senate and</li> <li>• 1 U. S. Congressional</li> </ul> <p>Included in the SEC's FY2017-18 budget was a request to use the remaining matching funds to offset costs for a portion of the special elections referenced above. The proviso was amended to allow use of the funds. The SEC is requesting that the proviso be deleted as the funds will no longer be available after FY2017-18.</p>
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*Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.*

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<b>AGENCY CODE:</b>	E28	<b>SECTION:</b>	101

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<p>There will be no fiscal impact on the deletion of the proviso.</p>
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*Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.*

<b>PROPOSED PROVISO TEXT</b>	<p><b>101.10.</b> (ELECT: HAVA Match Funds) Funds appropriated through the General Fund for the purpose of providing a match for federal funds received through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) shall be moved to a restricted account in order that the funds may accrue interest as per Section 254 (b) (1) of the Help America Vote Act. <del>Unexpended funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and shall be utilized for special primaries, runoffs, and elections. These funds may also be used to reimburse local governmental entities for expenses incurred in the prior fiscal year associated with special primaries, runoffs, and general elections.</del></p>
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*Paste FY 2017-18 text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.*

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**FORM D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST**

<b>NUMBER</b>	101.12
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*Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list for FY 2018-19 (or mark "NEW").*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ELECT: Voting System Examination Fee</b>
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*Provide the title from the FY 2017-18 Appropriations Act or suggest a short title for any new request.*

<b>BUDGET PROGRAM</b>	None
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*Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.*

<b>RELATED BUDGET REQUEST</b>	None
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*Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2018-19? If so, cite it here.*

<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	Add
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*Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.*

<b>OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED</b>	None
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*Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?*

<b>SUMMARY &amp; EXPLANATION</b>	<p>Pursuant to Sections 7-13-1330 and 7-13-1620 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the State Election Commission must approve a voting system before the system may be used in any election. Any vendor seeking certification of a new voting system must pay a nonrefundable examination fee of \$1,000. A vendor must pay a \$500 nonrefundable examination fee for any upgrade to an existing system.</p> <p>Currently, the SEC does not have authority to retain the funds received for the examination fees.</p>
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*Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.*

<b>AGENCY NAME:</b>	<b>State Election Commission</b>		
<b>AGENCY CODE:</b>	<b>E28</b>	<b>SECTION:</b>	<b>101</b>

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<p>There will be no fiscal impact on the addition of the proviso.</p>
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*Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.*

<b>PROPOSED PROVISO TEXT</b>	<p><b>101.12.</b> (ELECT: Voting System Approval Fee) <u>Revenue received by the State Election Commission for the examination of a new voting system or an upgrade to an existing voting system may be retained and expended by the South Carolina Election Commission. Any balance in the voting system approval account on June thirtieth of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended to support the statewide voting system.</u></p>
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<b>SUMMARY</b>	<p><u>Method of Calculation</u>  The SEC's general fund appropriation is \$6,289,449. \$3,833,000 is exempt from mandated reductions due to Provisos 101.1 and 101.5.</p> <p>Proviso 101.1 references Aid to County stipends for County Boards of Voter Registration and Election Commission board members, and the proviso exempts these funds from the calculation of mandated reductions.</p> <p>Proviso 101.5 states that recurring and nonrecurring primary and general election funds are exempt from the calculation of mandated reductions.</p> <p>\$6,289,449  (3,833,000)  \$2,456,449</p> <p>\$2,456,449 x 3% = \$73,693</p>
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*Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.*

<b>AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS</b>	<p>In order to absorb a 3% reduction, the SEC would reduce spending for supplies, training and travel.</p>
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*What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?*

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**FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS**

<b>TITLE</b>	Reducing Cost and Burden to Businesses and Citizens
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS</b>	\$0
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*What is the expected savings to South Carolina’s businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<p><b>Mark “X” for all that apply:</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Repeal or revision of regulations. <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens. <input type="checkbox"/> Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden. <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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<b>METHOD OF CALCULATION</b>	
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*Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.*

<b>REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES</b>	None. All fees collected by the SEC are provided by statute or through agency proviso.
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*Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?*

<b>REDUCTION OF REGULATION</b>	None
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*Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?*

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**SUMMARY**

The SEC collects filing fees from candidates to offset the cost of conducting elections as per Section 7-13-40 of the SC Code of Laws. Proviso 101.7 allows the SEC to charge each class participant a fee to attend the SEC's Training and Certification classes to offset the cost for conducting the classes. Section 7-3-20 of the SC Code of Laws requires the SEC to provide precinct lists to any registered voter in South Carolina at a reasonable price.

The SEC is required by law to collect filing fees from candidates, to provide a list of registered voters in the state at a reasonable cost, and to train county boards of voter registration and election members.

*Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?*