



Department of Elections (70-00-00)
Fiscal Year 2027 Governor's Recommended Budget Summary

Requested Items	Recommended FTEs			Recommended \$		Not Recommended			Not Recommended \$	
	NSF	ASF	GF	ASF	GF	NSF	ASF	GF	ASF	GF
Fiscal Year 2026 Budget (Base Budget)			45.0		\$9,289.4 \$157.6					
Fiscal Year 2026 Personnel Contingency										
Requests										
Information Technology										
Additional funding for hardware replacement and software renewals. Outdated hardware includes desktops, laptops, and servers. Software needs include renewals for products such as Adobe and Dreamweaver.					\$269.4					
Additional funding for the cost of cyber security services provided by the Department of Technology and Information (DTI).										\$255.7
Lease Escalator										
Additional funding for the State Election Commissioner office lease in Kent County.					\$10.2					
Janitorial Services										
Additional funding for janitorial services cost increase in the Kent County office.					\$30.0					
Common Area Maintenance										
Additional funding for increase in common area maintenance fees for the Kent County office.					\$18.6					
Vehicle Maintenance										
Additional funding for box truck maintenance. The Department owns seven box trucks, which are serviced at the Department's expense.										\$15.0
Discretionary 1% Requests										
Information Technology										
Additional funding for the Civix Campaign Finance Reporting System (CFRS) upgrade. CFRS was initially implemented in Delaware in 2015 and several functional enhancements have been made since then. This funding would bring Delaware's system to the most current version.										\$1,179.3
Voter Outreach Education										
Additional funding for Voter Outreach Education which would support requests by schools, community organizations, etc. to participate in events that educate voters about the elections process.										\$150.0



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Board Member Stipend Increase Additional funding for the State Board members yearly stipend increase of \$500 each. The State Board has 10 members. Currently, the President is paid \$2,500, and the remaining members are paid \$2,100 annually.										\$5.0
Electronic Pollbooks Additional funding to fund a centralized statewide parts inventory for electronic pollbooks.										\$25.0
Personnel Costs Additional 5.0 FTE, Administrative Specialist positions, 2.0 FTE, Sr. Office Manager positions, and funding to support increased population and implementation of Automatic Voter Registration. The Department typically hires casual/seasonal employees to meet the increased need for staffing, however, the Department requires staffing that extends beyond peak election seasons.								7.0		\$508.2
Staff Parking Additional funding to cover the cost for nine staff members who work at the Carvel State Office Building in Wilmington.										\$16.2
School Election Increase Additional funding to support an increase in School Board and School Referenda Elections.										\$183.0
Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended Budget			45.0		\$9,775.2			7.0		\$2,337.4
<i>Increase/Decrease</i>			0.0		\$485.8					
<i>% Increase/Decrease</i>			0.0%		5.2%					
<i>% Increase/Decrease without Personnel Contingency</i>					3.5%					



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Additional One-Time Supplemental Items (Office of Management and Budget, Contingencies and One-Time Items)							
Early Voting							
Additional one-time funding in Executive, Office of Management and Budget, Contingencies and One-Times (10-02-11) for costs associated with early voting for the 2026 State Primary and General Elections.				\$1,874.1			\$3,959.4
2026 State Primary and General Elections							
Additional one-time funding in Executive, Office of Management and Budget, Contingencies and One-Times (10-02-11) for costs associated with the 2026 State Primary and General Elections.				\$6,538.8			\$1,975.0
Elections System and Software Upgrade							
Additional one-time funding in Executive, Office of Management and Budget, Contingencies and One-Times (10-02-11) for a mandatory upgrade needed to the PowerProfile platform. This platform is Delaware's voter registration system and elections management system. The system was implemented in Delaware in 2019 and several functional enhancements have been made since then. This funding would bring Delaware's platform to the most current version.				\$1,587.1			\$12.9
Voting Equipment							
Additional one-time funding in Executive, Office of Management and Budget, Contingencies and One-Times (10-02-11) for voting machines and pollbooks for expanding voting locations due to the steady increase in voting participation and							\$941.1
Box Truck Lift Gate Repair							
Additional one-time funding in Executive, Office of Management and Budget, Contingencies and One-Times (10-02-11) for the New Castle County office to repair the lift gate on their older model box truck to return it to proper operation.							\$10.0
Total Fiscal Year 2027 Recommended One-Time Funding				\$10,000.0			\$6,898.4