I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES Mission

The State Board of Election Commissioners goal is to improve the orderly conduct of elections in the State through assistance, education, and monitoring by disributing funds for political party primary, statewide special and nonparisan judicial general elections, developing resources to assist and educate candidates and election officials, and monitoring compliance with election laws.

Total Biennial Budget

The total budget for the 2007-2009 biennium is \$5,871,720 the first year and \$491,542 the second year.

Funding Source

The Board's budget is funded with general revenues and the Nonpartisan Judicial General Elections appropriation is funded with filing fees for nonpartisan judicial offices.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The State Operations Appropriation for the Board is funded with general revenues from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund, and is for \$484,720 year one and \$491,542 year two.

The Nonpartisan Judicial General Elections Appropriation is a biennial appropriation for \$1.6 million which is \$800,000 over base level for anticipated receipts in FY2008 that are in excess of authorized appropriation for covering the cost of election expenses of the State Board.

The Election Expenses Appropriation is a biennial appropriation for \$3,787,000 which is \$1,017,000 over base level to cover the cost of conducting elections.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2007-09 Biennium: 6 Total positions for FY 2005-07 Biennium: 6

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

Use of Election Expenses Appropriation. Provides that the appropriation for Election Expenses shall be used to cover the expenses of the State Board and the county election commissions to conduct presidential preferential primary elections, preferential primary elections, general primary elections, special primary elections, and statewide special elections.

Carry Forward-Election Expenses. Provides a carry forward provision whereby, the unexpended balances of the Election Expense appropriation may be carried forward from the first to the second year of the biennium.

Fund Transfer. The balance in the Computerized Voter Registration Fund shall be transferred to the State Central Services Fund to used by the Secretary of State to provide system enhancements for the statewide voter registration system.