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LRB P-draft:

description: Adopt alt. 2c to paper 397, which provides \$6,000 GPR annually for the lease costs of a new photocopier.

other notes:

drafting instructions: Adopt alt. 2c to paper 397 (see above)

more instructions:

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Number of Amendments: 1

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Joint Committee on Finance

Paper #397

Agency Request for Additional Staff and Funds for Copier Rental (Elections Board)

CURRENT LAW

The Elections Board has total base level funding level of \$768,900 GPR and \$52,600 PR and is currently authorized 13.0 positions.

GOVERNOR

Denied budget requests from the Elections Board for: (a) \$70,000 GPR and 1.0 GPR elections specialist position; (b) increased LTE funding of \$10,800 GPR; and (c) the switch of \$12,000, from PR to GPR funding for the lease of a new photocopier.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. At the agency briefing on the Elections Board, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau was asked to prepare a paper regarding three items which were a part of the Elections Board budget request but were not included in the Governor's budget. Each of these items is addressed below.

Elections Specialist

2. The Board requested \$33,500 GPR in 1999-00 and \$36,500 GPR in 2000-01 and authorization for an additional 1.0 GPR elections specialist position. The Elections Board has indicated that the additional elections specialist position would: (a) spread the current staff workload in dealing with issues related to qualification of candidates, ballot access, ballot preparation and certifying election results; (b) provide information and assistance to local election officials with the administration and conduct of their elections, particularly with regard to the use of technology in the electoral process and complying with state and federal requirements relative to voter registration

and polling place accessibility; (c) allow the assignment of staff time to the evaluation, testing and certification of voting equipment; (d) permit staff to work on the revision and development of information and training materials for candidates and local election officials; and (e) lastly, work on absentee voting and voter registration.

3. According to DOA Budget Office staff, the rationale for denying the request was that current overtime usage did not appear to necessitate funding for an additional person. It was indicated that the Elections Board reported to DOA that the Board, during the 1998 fall election, incurred 200 hours of overtime for its two existing election specialists and used 160 hours of LTE time. The Elections Board argues, however, that this ignores the use of compensatory time off.

4. The Elections Board currently has a staff of 13 positions. That staff consists of the 2.0 existing elections specialist positions plus the Executive Director, a legal counsel, 4.0 support staff, a management information specialist, a campaign finance and elections administrator and 3.0 campaign finance auditors. The Board indicates that it does not have any specific workload data to quantify its assessment that it is falling behind in its ability to serve local elections officials. However, Board staff state that local officials have expressed concern over the staff's inability to be fully responsive to their needs. The Board staff also indicate that they have not been able to do any evaluation, testing or certification of voting equipment in the last three years.

Additional LTE Funds

5. The Board also requested an additional \$5,400 GPR for base building LTE funding. The staff estimates that, based on wage rates of \$6 to \$9 per hour depending on the skills required, this additional funding would provide the Board with approximately 600 to 800 additional hours of LTE help per year. The agency requests the additional LTE funding to provide additional assistance to the permanent staff with clerical duties, particularly during those peak workload times when candidates file nomination papers and pre-election campaign reports and counties report election results. The Board notes in particular that certification of election results is a very laborious process and that during the last election cycle the partisan primary results were not fully proofed until after the certification deadline.

6. According to DOA Budget Office staff, the rationale for denying the increased LTE funding was that current LTE usage was insufficient to justify additional LTE funding. This determination was based upon the 160 hours of LTE usage reported by the Board.

7. The Board's base budget contains \$10,600 GPR annually for LTE salaries. The Board can, however, within its total budget allocation, shift dollars between expenditure categories--for example, between supplies and services and LTE salaries -- with the approval of DOA. In 1997-98, the Elections Board had the \$10,600 GPR of LTE funding available, but expended only \$7,900 GPR. The Board has a biennial appropriation, so any monies not expended in the first fiscal year remain available for expenditure in the second fiscal year. Through March 31st of the current fiscal year, the Board had expended a total of only \$10,500 GPR but has indicated that it expects to expend an additional \$2,800 GPR in the remaining three months of this fiscal year. Thus, the total

spending for this fiscal year for LTEs is estimated by the Board at \$13,300 GPR. Most of the added election peak workload of the 1998 fall election (July through November of 1998) would have fallen in this current fiscal year. On a biennial basis, however, the agency will have total expenditures for LTE expenses exactly equal to the biennial total appropriated for LTE expenses, a total of \$21,200 GPR.

GPR Funding for New Photocopier

8. The last request was for \$6,000 GPR annually for the lease costs of a new photocopier. The Board currently leases two copiers funded from a program revenue appropriation that derives its revenues from the copier fees and the sale of publications. The Board estimates that these revenues will decrease in the next biennium because electronic access to Elections Board records via the internet will reduce demand for copies of Board's records and publications. The copier to be replaced is currently on a month-to-month lease that costs \$416 per month or almost \$5,000 per year.

9. The DOA Budget Office has indicated that the rationale for denying funding for the new copier was that once the Election Board's website is operational there should be significantly less requests for copying of filings and the Election Board could satisfy demand for copies with single remaining copier.

ALTERNATIVES TO BASE

1. Maintain current law. (This would be the same as the Governor's recommendation.)
2. Provide funding for one or more of the following components that were in the agency's original budget request:
 - (a) \$33,500 GPR in 1999-00 and \$36,500 GPR in 2000-01 and 1.0 GPR elections specialist position.

<u>Alternative 2a</u>	<u>GPR</u>
1999-01 FUNDING (Change to Base)	\$70,000
[Change to Bill]	70,000]

- (b) \$5,400 GPR annually for increased LTE funding.

<u>Alternative 2b</u>	<u>GPR</u>
1999-01 FUNDING (Change to Base)	\$10,800
[Change to Bill]	10,800]

(c) \$6,000 GPR annually for the lease costs of a new photocopier.

<u>Alternative 2c</u>	<u>GPR</u>
1999-01 FUNDING (Change to Base)	\$12,000
<i>[Change to Bill]</i>	<i>12,000]</i>

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Date (time) needed 5:00

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**CAUCUS BUDGET AMENDMENT
[ONLY FOR CAUCUS]**

RJM: _____

See form **AMENDMENTS — COMPONENTS & ITEMS.**

**CAUCUS AMENDMENT
TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 133**

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>>FOR CAUCUS SUPERAMENDMENT — NOT FOR INTRODUCTION<<

At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

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FOR 1999-01 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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LFB AMENDMENT

TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 133 AND 1999 SENATE BILL 45

substitute amendment

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At the locations indicated, amend the ~~bill~~ as follows:

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1. Page 246, line 2: increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 1999-00 by \$12,000 for the purpose of increasing funding for leasing a photocopier.

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**DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
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Attached is the amendment you requested, appropriating \$12,000[✓] of GPR for the state elections board for the purpose of allowing the elections board to lease a photocopier for the biennium. Please let me know if the amendment is inconsistent with your intent. Thanks.

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