

SOUTH CAROLINA
ELECTION COMMISSION

**Budget Request Presentation
FY 2026-27**

**House Ways and Means
Constitutional Subcommittee**

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Agency Overview

The South Carolina Election Commission (SEC) is dedicated to safeguarding the security, integrity, accessibility, and credibility of our state's electoral system. Our mission is to ensure that every eligible citizen has the opportunity to register to vote and participate in fair, impartial elections, with the assurance that their vote will count.

While state and local officials share the responsibility for conducting elections, the SEC serves as the state's primary authority, overseeing voter registration and the overall election process.

Specifically, the agency is tasked with:

- Maintaining the statewide voter registration system
- Supporting the statewide voting system
- Supervising 46 county boards of voter registration and elections
- Performing audits and post-election analyses of county boards of registration and elections
- Assisting with county operations if a county election office fails to comply with state and federal law or SEC policies and procedures; or if a county is unable to certify election results in a timely manner
- Conducting a training and certification program for local election officials
- Conducting candidate filing and providing a candidate tracking system

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Major Programs and Achievements

Municipal Election Day 2025

There were 227 elections scheduled for November 4, 2025, throughout 39 counties and 989 precincts reporting. There were 59 early voting centers for Municipal Election Day, with an estimated total of 1,295,475 eligible voters.

The early voting period for elections on Municipal Election Day started on Monday, October 20 and ended on Friday, October 31 (closed on Saturday and Sunday), and early voting centers were open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On November 4, 2025, 3 statewide primary special elections were also held: State House Districts 21 and 88, and State Senate District 12.

The SEC had trainers going to nearly all participating counties and conducted and/or assisted with the conduction of poll worker training and had other staff working as poll workers.

Election Security

Protecting South Carolina's election infrastructure remained a top priority in FY2025–FY2026. The SEC continued to enhance its cybersecurity and physical security posture through layered defenses and strong interagency partnerships.

- **Vulnerability Disclosure Program:** The SEC continues to participate in the Vulnerability Disclosure Program (VDP). A VDP is a formalized process for identifying and remedying potential cyber vulnerabilities identified by external security researchers.
- **Endpoint Protection:** The SEC continues to utilize CrowdStrike Endpoint Protection System to enhance the agency's ability to identify, detect, respond to, and remediate security incidents and alerts.
- **Physical Security Assessments of County Offices and Storage Facilities:** The SEC, in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), continues to conduct physical security assessments of facilities across all 46 counties, on an as-needed basis or at the request of county offices.
- **Security Posture Baseline:** The SEC continues to survey counties based on National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) standards to identify their current security posture.
- The SEC has obtained membership in the **Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)** to ensure the continued delivery of critical information related to election security.

The SEC continued to collaborate with federal, state, and private-sector partners to support network monitoring, assessments, remediation, information sharing, response planning, and security training.

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Administration and Finance

Since July 2019, the State of South Carolina has provided approximately \$109 million in financial support to county boards of voter registration and elections through the SEC. This includes more than \$78 million for voting equipment, \$26 million in reimbursed election expenses, and \$2.9 million in county board member stipends. Of these costs, only election expenses and stipends are required by state law. Without the state’s purchase of voting equipment, counties would have been responsible for the full cost of procuring and maintaining their own systems.

SEC Aid to Counties Since July 1, 2019			
Voting Equipment	Election Expenses	Board Member Stipends	Total Aid to Counties
\$78,518,482.83	\$26,517,341.76	\$2,880,845.90	\$108,934,579.51

Voter Education and Outreach

The SEC continued its statewide SC Votes voter education initiative to ensure South Carolina voters were informed about voter registration and election processes. Outreach efforts in FY2025 focused on preparing voters for expanded voting options and reinforcing confidence in election administration.

The initiative utilized brochures, posters, videos, public event outreach, social media messaging, voter education websites (SCVotes.gov and NoExcuseSC.gov), and a statewide media campaign.

Training

South Carolina State Certified Clerk Program:

Conducted three cohorts of three-day extensive training with 65 clerks representing 21 counties.

General Election Preparation:

Conducted 20 training sessions across six counties to train poll managers and poll clerks. Supported counties by serving as poll managers and office staff during City of North Augusta General Election, State House District 50 Primary, Spartanburg County Sheriff Special Election, State House District 88 Primary, and Municipal Election Day across 10 counties.

South Carolina Association of Registration and Election Officials (SCARE):

Delivered training sessions to county board members, county directors, and county staff at the 2025 and 2026 SCARE conference.

Election Audits

The SEC maintained its strengthened post-election hand-count audits, exceeding national best practices by auditing well above the 3% benchmark. Counties audited ballots from both early voting locations and Election Day precincts, with audits conducted blindly and publicly noticed. All audit results continued to be posted on scVOTES.gov to promote transparency and public confidence.

In 2025, hand-count audits were performed across multiple special primary, runoff, and general

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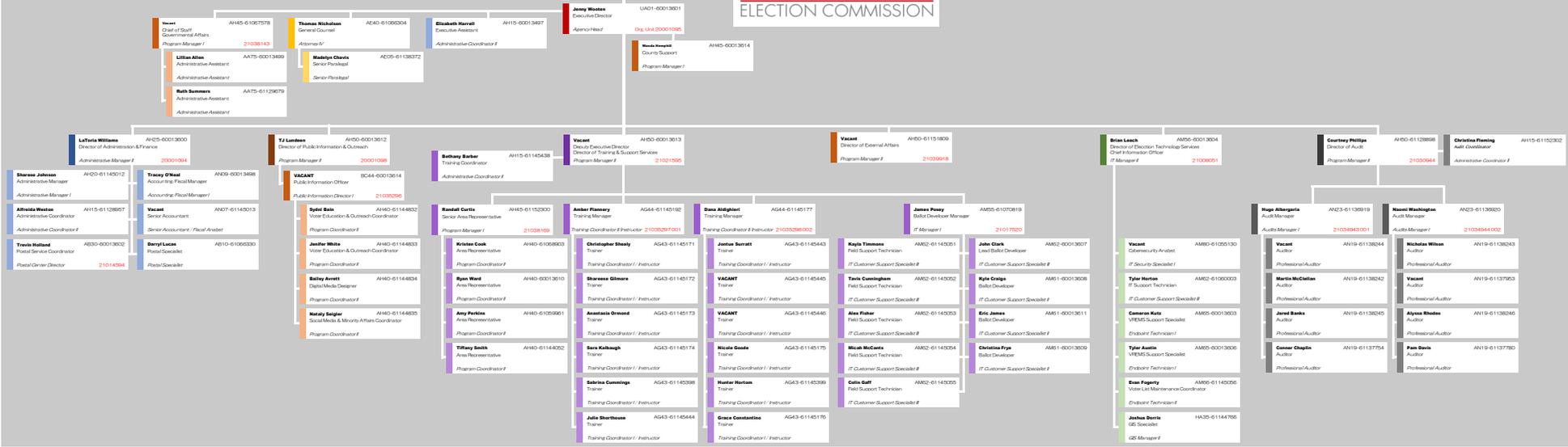
elections including:

Election	County / Counties	Total Ballots Cast	Ballots Hand-Counted	% Hand-Counted
House District 113 – Special Primary	Charleston	803	87	11%
House District 113 – Special General	Charleston	403	62	15%
House District 50 – Special Primary	Kershaw, Lee & Sumter	2,877	353	12%
House District 50 – Special General	Kershaw, Lee & Sumter	3,698	440	12%
House District 21 – Special Primary	Greenville	2,212	407	18%
House District 21 – Special Runoff	Greenville	3,066	648	21%
State Senate District 12 – Special Primary	Greenville & Spartanburg	5,008	985	20%
House District 88 – Special Primary	Lexington	1,488	179	12%
House District 88 – Special Runoff	Lexington	2,636	883	34%
House District 98 – Special Primary	Dorchester	3,342	274	8%
House District 98 – Special Runoff	Dorchester	1,412	572	41%

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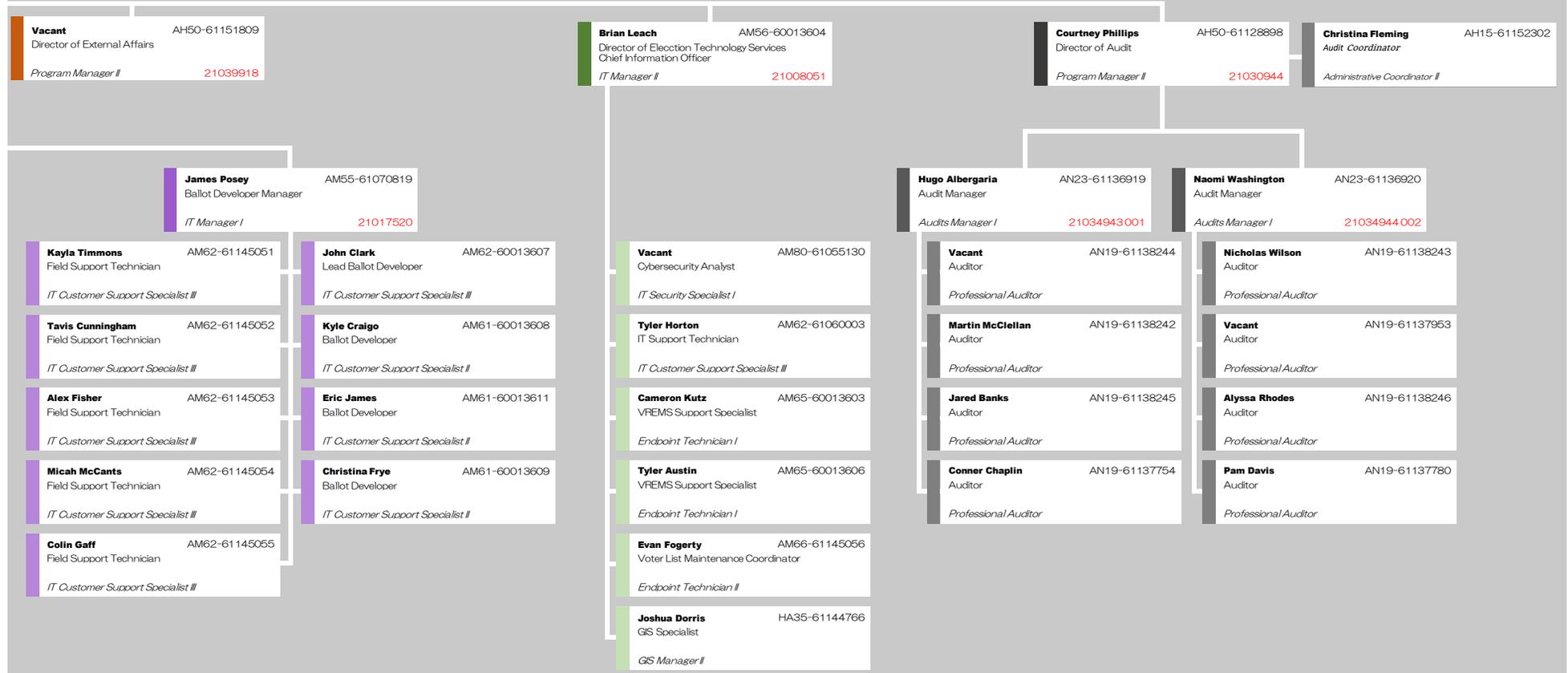
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FY 25-26 Budget Priorities Summary

Agency Name: State Election Commission

Budget Priorities				Funding					FTEs				
Priority No.	Request Type	Request Title	Priority Description	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B2-Non-Recurring	Statewide Voting System Upgrade	To meet the growing needs of county voter registration and elections offices ahead of the November 2024 election, the SEC leveraged the State Master Lease Program to purchase DS300 polling place scanners, ExpressVote Ballot Marking Devices, DS950 high-speed scanners, and pollbook hardware. This equipment was deployed across all 46 counties for election operations. The new scanners, which include auditing capabilities, replaced older models and enable the SEC to conduct Risk Limiting Audits, enhancing transparency in ballot counting while safeguarding voter privacy. These funds will be used to pay back a contractual lease obligation to TD Bank through the Master Lease program facilitated by the State Treasurer's Office.	21,174,755	0	0	0	21,174,755	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1-Recurring	Annual Election Costs	State and local election officials share responsibility for conducting elections, with the SEC overseeing voter registration and the overall election process as the state's chief election agency. South Carolina holds approximately 300 elections annually, including at least one statewide election each fiscal year. The demand for resources and the number of voting days has increased significantly with the introduction of early voting. To support election operations, the SEC is requesting \$4,500,000 to cover election-related expenses, including early voting and election day workers, legal notices, and printed materials. This financial assistance is	1,500,000	0	0	0	1,500,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B2-Non-Recurring	Electronic Pollbooks - E-pollbooks	This request aims to address the conclusion of the current contract for electronic pollbooks and the continued need to support voter check-in operations statewide. The State currently utilizes approximately 8,000 electronic pollbooks at polling locations across the state. These electronic pollbooks are essential to election operations, as they improve efficiency, reduce voter wait times, and enhance security at polling locations.	18,000,000	0	0	0	18,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B2-Non-Recurring	Asset Management	This request seeks funding to address the upcoming expiration of the current asset management contract and to implement an updated asset management and tracking system for county election equipment. The system will improve accountability, enhance equipment oversight, and ensure a documented chain of custody throughout the election process.	1,800,000	0	0	0	1,800,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B2-Non-Recurring	Curbside Carts	This request seeks funding to address issues and inconsistencies with curbside voting identified during the 2024 General Election. Although curbside voting is required by law, not all polling locations have the necessary equipment. Funding would provide specialized curbside voting carts for all 2,400 polling locations, enhancing accessibility and ensuring voters who cannot enter the polling place are properly served.	2,040,000	0	0	0	2,040,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B2-Non-Recurring	State Matching Funds for 2025 HAVA Grant	Funds would be used for the state match required by the federal funds received by the Help America Vote Act grant received in 2025.	54,545	0	0	0	54,545	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS				44,569,300	0	0	0	44,569,300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Budget Request Summary

Priority 1: The SEC is requesting \$21,174,755 in non-recurring funds for Statewide Voting System Upgrade.

- In 2024, the State Election Commission utilized the State Master Lease Program to purchase: new, upgraded DS300 polling place scanners and tabulators, additional ExpressVote Ballot Marking Devices, DS950 high-speed scanners and tabulators, workstations, and pollbook hardware.
 - The equipment is being used to conduct elections by county voter registration and election offices across the state. All 46 counties received equipment.
- These funds will be used to pay back a contractual lease obligation to TD Bank through the Master Lease program facilitated by the State Treasurer's Office.

Priority 2: The SEC is requesting \$1,500,000 in recurring funds to support the mission and programs of the agency and cover the cost of statewide election expenses and the necessary supplies and reimbursements to counties.

- State and local election officials share in the responsibility of conducting elections. The SEC, as the chief election agency in the state, is responsible for overseeing the overall voter registration and election process. **Each year, South Carolina holds approximately 300 elections.**
- Since the passage of Act 150 and the implementation of early voting in 2022, the amount of resources needed to carry out an election and the number of days on which voting actually takes place in South Carolina has increased significantly which increases the costs to run an election.
- Covering the cost of election expenses to provide financial support to the 46 county boards of voter registration and elections including warranty and maintenance costs for equipment and software upgrades.
- Supporting counties in conducting voter registration and fair, open and impartial elections and providing supervision, training, and guidance.

Priority 3: The SEC is requesting \$18,000,000 in non-recurring funds for replacing electronic poll books (E-Pollbooks) across the state.

- The contract for the current electronic pollbooks has reached the end of its term.
- Approximately 8,000 electronic poll books (e-pollbooks).
 - Electronic pollbooks to support voter check-in at polling locations across the state.
- E-pollbooks improve efficiency, reduce wait times, and enhance security at polling locations.

Priority 4: The SEC is requesting \$1,800,000 in non-recurring funds for the implementation of an asset management and tracking system for county election equipment.

- The existing contract for asset management is about to reach the end of its term.

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- These funds will support the implementation of an asset management and tracking system for county election equipment. This will enhance accountability, improve equipment oversight, and ensure a documented chain of custody throughout the election process.

Priority 5: The SEC is requesting \$2,040,000 in non-recurring funds for curbside carts to aid counties in providing curbside voting to all 2,400 voting locations in the state.

- During the 2024 General Election, the SEC and the General Assembly received multiple complaints from counties and constituents about various issues and inconsistencies regarding curbside voting.
- These specialized carts would be supplied to all 2,400 polling locations (\$850 per unit).
- Not all counties have curbside carts for every polling location even though they are required by law to provide curbside voting.
- This request will aid the agency in enhancing accessibility by supporting voters who cannot enter the polling place.

Priority 6: The SEC is requesting \$45,454 in non-recurring funds for the state match required by the federal funds received by the Help America Vote Act grant received in 2025.

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 provides funds to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) as authorized under Title 1, Section 101, of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, to make grant payments to states.
- The funds are provided to improve the administration of elections for federal office, including to enhance election technology and make security improvements. States are required to match 20% of amounts awarded.

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Agency Proviso List

- **102.1.** (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 \$2,500 for each member, not to exceed \$22,500 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. **(KEEP)**
- **102.2.** (ELECT: Elections Managers & Clerks Per Diem) Managers and clerks of state and county elections shall receive a per diem of \$75.00 for the day of work and \$60.00 for training and paperwork. Managers shall not be paid for more than two days for any election and clerks for not more than three days for any election. The commission may adjust the per diem of \$75.00 for the managers and clerks of the statewide election to a higher level only to the extent that the appropriation for the statewide election is sufficient to bear the added cost of increasing the per diem and the cost of the statewide election. Up to three additional managers per county may be appointed to assist county boards of voter registration and elections with the absentee/fail safe voting process prior to, on Election Day, and immediately following statewide elections. Managers assisting the county boards of voter registration and elections in the absentee/fail safe process may receive a per diem of \$75.00 per day for not more than a total of fifteen days regardless of whether one, two, or three additional managers are used. **(KEEP)**
- **102.3.** (ELECT: Board of State Canvassers Compensation) \$100.00 additional compensation per day may be paid to each member of the Board of State Canvassers up to a total of fifteen days that may be required for hearings held by the members of the Board of State Canvassers. **(KEEP)**
- **102.4.** (ELECT: Sale of Lists Revenue Carry Forward) Any revenue generated from the sale of election lists may be retained and expended by the South Carolina Election Commission to reimburse the Department of Administration, for the printing of such lists and to pay expenses of postage and shipment of these lists to electors who purchase them. After such reimbursement has been made an amount, not to exceed \$400,000, shall be used for nonrecurring expenses in conjunction with extraordinary special election and legal costs and costs for upgrading the Statewide Voter Registration System. Any balance in the Sale of Lists Account on June thirtieth, of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purposes during the current fiscal year. **(KEEP)**
- **102.5.** (ELECT: Budget Reduction Exemption) Funds appropriated for recurring and nonrecurring general and primary election expenses are exempted from mandated across the board 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 recurring and nonrecurring primary and general election expenses shall be excluded from the agency's base budget. **(KEEP)**

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- **102.6.** (ELECT: Primary and General Election Carry Forward) Filing fees received from candidates filing to run in statewide or special primary elections may be retained and expended by the State Election Commission to pay for the conduct of primary elections. Any balance in the filing fee accounts on June thirtieth, of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purposes during the current fiscal year. In addition, any balance in the Primary and General Election Accounts on June thirtieth, of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purposes during the current fiscal year. In addition, the aforementioned funds may also be utilized to conduct the Presidential Preference Primary elections. **(KEEP)**
- **102.7.** (ELECT: Training & Certification Program) (A) All members and staff of County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections will receive a common curriculum to include core courses on the duties and responsibilities of county boards of voter registration and elections and electives to promote quality service and professional development. The State Election Commission shall make these courses available in various locations, including but not be limited to, the upstate, coastal, and midlands areas of the state. Up to \$35,000 of revenue generated by charging a fee to attend these courses may be retained and expended by the South Carolina Election Commission to help cover the cost of providing the training. Any balance in the training and certification account on June thirtieth, of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose during the current fiscal year. **(KEEP)**

(B) The State Election Commission is required to withhold the stipend of members who do not complete the training and certification program as required in Section 7-5-10 of the 1976 Code. Additionally, funds will also be withheld if a board member completes the training and certification program, but fails to complete at least one training course per year. The board member and members of that county's legislative delegation will be notified of the withholding of the stipend and the requirements needed to bring the member into compliance with the law. If a board member cannot complete the program or complete the required continuing education due to extenuating circumstances, the board member must submit a written request to the county legislative delegation for approval or funds will continue to be withheld as described in this proviso. If a board member does not become compliant with the law within eighteen months of initial notification of stipend withholding, the county's legislative delegation must replace that person on the board. **(KEEP)**

(C) If a stipend is being withheld on the effective date of this act for the failure of a member to attend a required training course, then the stipend must be paid if the member signed up for a course that was later cancelled. **(KEEP)**
- **102.8.** (ELECT: Penalty for Late Submission of Reimbursable Expenses) In the event that a county submits reimbursable election expenses to the Commission for payment more than thirty days after the election is held, the Commission may deduct a penalty of ten percent of the late-submitted amount. The county is responsible for payment of this amount. If the Commission finds good reason for such late submission, the penalty may be waived. The Election Commission shall be authorized to expend funds appropriated/authorized in the current fiscal year to pay election expenses incurred by a county in the prior fiscal year. If a county submits a request for reimbursement of election expenses through any means other than the Voter Registration and Election Management System (VREMS), the Commission may deduct a penalty of ten percent of the amount submitted. **(KEEP)**

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- **102.9.** (ELECT: HAVA Carry Forward) The Election Commission shall be authorized to carry forward unexpended Help America Vote Act funds into the current fiscal year and to use these funds for the same purpose. **(KEEP)**
- **102.10.** (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. 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. **(KEEP)**
- **102.11.** (ELECT: Use of Election Funds) Funds appropriated to the Election Commission for the purpose of conducting elections shall not be used for any other purpose unless specifically authorized in this act. However, up to \$200,000 may be transferred to other operating accounts from General Election accounts upon approval from the Executive Budget Office, which shall then notify the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor of such transfer of funds. **(KEEP)**
- **102.12.** (ELECT: Match for Additional HAVA Funds) In the event that additional Help America Vote Act federal funds become available, the commission shall be authorized to utilize funds appropriated for primary and general elections and for voting system refurbishment to provide a match for the federal funds. **(KEEP)**
- **103.2.** (RFAO: Election File Merge) In order to assist the County Registration and Election Commissions to ensure that registered voters are assigned to proper election districts, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, in conjunction with the South Carolina Election Commission, shall merge the voter registration file with the office's Geocoded Address List and the district boundaries of the Congress, South Carolina Senate, South Carolina House of Representatives, county councils, and such other districts as the office possesses official district boundary records in electronic format. The merged systems will allow the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to provide the respective county officials with a list of potential voters who are possibly assigned to the wrong election district. File merger is required only for those districts in which elections are scheduled. Counties and municipalities shall release GIS to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office upon the office's written request. Written request must be sent to the chief administrative officer of the county or municipality and advise the county or municipality that failure to comply within thirty days of request may result in the withholding of ten percent of the county's or municipality's state aid. The Executive Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office may grant additional time for good cause and must waive release if the county or municipality does not possess GIS data. For counties and municipalities that possess GIS data but do not release it, the Executive Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office shall notify the State Treasurer of the failure to comply with this provision after the required notice. Notification shall result in the withholding of ten percent of subsequent payments of state aid to the entity until the GIS data is provided. Municipal and county data acquired by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office in the course of performing its responsibilities may be used for other functions of the office as well as

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shared with other state agencies. For this provision GIS data includes, but is not limited to, road centerlines; orthophotography; parcel boundaries; address points; political boundaries; and administrative boundaries. **(KEEP)**

- **117.148. (GP: Actions on Election Law) (KEEP)**

(A) The President of the Senate, on behalf of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on behalf of the House of Representatives, have an unconditional right to intervene on behalf of their respective bodies in a state court action that challenges the validity of an election law, an election policy, or the manner in which an election is conducted.

(B) In a federal court action that challenges the validity of an election law, an election policy, or the manner in which an election is conducted, the President of the Senate, on behalf of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on behalf of the House of Representatives, have standing to intervene as a party on behalf of their respective bodies, to file an amicus brief, or to provide evidence or argument, written or oral, in accordance with the federal rules of procedure, irrespective of whether any other officer of the State has appeared in the action.

(C) A federal court presiding over an action that challenges the validity of an election law, an election policy, or the manner in which an election is conducted is requested to allow the President, on behalf of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on behalf of the House of Representatives, to intervene in any such action as a party.

(D) The State Election Commission and the Attorney General must notify the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives within twenty-four hours of the receipt of service of a complaint that challenges the validity of an election law, an election policy, or the manner in which an election is conducted.

(E) In any action in which the Senate or the House of Representatives intervenes or participates pursuant to this proviso, the Senate and the House of Representatives must function independently from each other in the representation of their respective bodies, unless otherwise agreed to by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(F) The Senate and House of Representatives may expend funds appropriated in this act to exercise the unconditional right set forth in subsection (A) and to sustain any other action set forth in this proviso. No county election commission may accept or expend any funds other than public funds to prepare for or to conduct elections. **(KEEP)**

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Budget Vs. Actual – Current YTD and Prior FY

Category	Budget 25	Actual 25	Budget 26	Actual 26
Personnel Budget	\$7,025,298.00	\$4,391,215.77	\$7,089,399.00	\$2,684,821.94
Operating Budget	\$5,690,367.84	\$5,293,648.58	\$4,046,237.00	\$3,390,992.07
Elections Budget	\$6,813,000.00	\$ 2,781,533.21	\$11,120,000.00	\$4,472,412.06
Federal Budget	\$5,413,977.00	\$-	\$3,544,077.00	\$0.00
Fringe Budget	\$1,917,696.70	\$1,891,696.70	\$1,852,517.00	\$1,232,653.96
Total Budget	\$26,860,339.54	\$14,358,094.26	\$27,652,230.00	\$11,780,880.03
Non-recurring - Elections Operations	\$11,500,000.00	\$11,500,000.00	\$708,000.00	
Non-recurring - Federal Match	\$216,977.00	\$216,977.00	\$200,000.00	
Non-recurring - Florence County			\$10,970,755.00	

General and Special Carry-Forward

Statewide Carry-Forward	\$1,809,148.40		The funds will be used for election related expenses and to finish office projects.
Special	\$2,919,217.91		The funds will be used for election related expenses.

Data or metrics highlighting efficiency and successes for the last FY with all the funds provided to agency

- **Increased Workforce Efficiency:** Allocated \$4,391,215.77 to personnel expenses, enabling the agency to fill critical positions and improve operational responsiveness.
- **Resource Utilization:** Utilized \$5,293,648.58 for operational needs, maintaining agency functions despite fluctuating demands.
- **Elections Operations:** Spent \$2,781,533.21 to support election activities, ensuring smooth operation and transparency during elections.
- **Benefits and Retention:** Invested \$1,891,696.70 to provide competitive employee benefits, aiding in staff retention.

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Spending is currently behind projections primarily due to extreme staff turnover, which has resulted in prolonged vacancies, delayed onboarding, and reduced capacity to execute planned expenditures.

- FY26 spending is materially behind FY25 pace, especially in Personnel and Federal.
- Operating and Fringe remain the most consistently utilized categories.
- Election-related spending is on track relative to cycle timing, despite higher FY26 budget.
- Several large FY26 allocations are not yet activated, which could compress spending later in the year.

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FTE Breakdown

Administration

Position Title	GF Filled	GF Vacant	Other Filled	Other Vacant	Total
Agency Head	1				1
Program Manager II		1			1
Program Manager I	1	1			2
Attorney IV	1				1
Senior Paralegal	1				1
Administrative Manager II	1				1
Administrative Manager I	1	1			2
Senior Acct/Fiscal Analyst	1				1
Administrative Coordinator I		1			1
Administrative Coordinator II	1	1			2
Administrative Assistant	1		1		2
Postal Center Director I			1		1
Postal Specialist			0.5		0.5
Total Administration	9	5	2.5	0	16.5

Public Information

Position Title	GF Filled	GF Vacant	Other Filled	Other Vacant	Total
Program Manager II	1				1
Public Information Director I		1			1
Program Coord. II	4				4
Total Public information	6	0	0	0	6

Training

Position Title	GF Filled	GF Vacant	Other Filled	Other Vacant	Total
Training Director		1			
Administrative Coordinator II	1				1
Program Manager I	1				1
Program Coordinator II	4				4
Training Coordinator II	2				2
Training Coordinator I	10	2			12
IT Manager I	1				
IT Customer Support Specialist III	6				
IT Customer Support Specialist II	3				1
Total Training	28	3	0	0	31

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Election Technology

Position Title	GF Filled	GF Vacant	Other Filled	Other Vacant	Total
IT Manager I	1				1
IT Manager II		1			
Endpoint Tech II	1				1
Endpoint Tech I	2				2
IT Security Specialist I		1			1
IT Customer Support Specialist III	1				1
GIS MANAGER II	1	0			1
Total Election Technology	6	2	0	0	8

Audit

Position Title	GF Filled	GF Vacant	Other Filled	Other Vacant	Total
Program Manager II	1				1
Administrative Coordinator II	1				1
Audit Manager I	2				2
Senior Auditor		1			1
Professional Auditor	6	2			8
Total Audit	10	3	0	0	13

Grand Total Authorized Positions	58	14	2.5	0	74.5
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