
VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

2023 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB6001 (Chapter 1)

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Department of Elections

Item 89	First Year - FY2023	Second Year - FY2024
Electoral Services (72300)	\$21,508,425	\$19,314,633
Electoral Administration, Uniformity, Legality, and Quality Assurance Services (72302)	\$1,642,224	\$1,642,224
Statewide Voter Registration System and Associated Information Technology Services (72304)	\$12,184,511	\$12,184,511
Campaign Finance Disclosure Administration Services (72309)	\$183,885	\$183,885
Voter Services and Communications (72311)	\$4,323,816	\$2,123,816
Administrative Services (72312)	\$3,173,989	\$3,180,197
Fund Sources:		
General	\$18,456,175	\$16,262,383
Special	\$52,250	\$52,250
Trust and Agency	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

Authority: Title 24.2, Chapter 1, Code of Virginia.

A. It is the intention of the General Assembly that all local precincts, other than central absentee precincts established under § 24.2-712, Code of Virginia, will use electronic pollbooks for elections held beginning in November, 2010.

B. Any locality using paper pollbooks for elections held beginning in November, 2010, shall be responsible for entering voting credit as provided in § 24.2-668. Additionally, any locality using paper pollbooks for elections held after November, 2010 may be required to reimburse the Department of Elections for state costs associated with providing paper pollbooks.

C. The State Board of Elections shall by regulation provide for an administrative fee up to \$25 for each non-electronic report filed with the State Board under § 24.2-947.5. The regulation shall provide for waiver of the fee based upon indigence.

D. All unpaid charges and civil penalties assessed under Title 24.2 shall be subject to interest, the administrative collection fee and late penalties authorized in the Virginia Debt Collection Act, Chapter 48 of Title 2.2, § 2.2-4800 et seq.

E. 1. It is the intent of the General Assembly that federal awards from the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) under P.L. 116-93 be used to replace the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS). Any remaining balances out of the amounts appropriated in Item 86, paragraph I, of Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, may be used to support VERIS replacement and shall serve as the state's required match to receive the federal HAVA award.

2. The Secretary of Finance and Secretary of Administration shall approve the allotment of remaining balances out of the amount appropriated in Item 86, paragraph I.3, of Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session, to be used for VERIS replacement costs after the exhaustion of all available HAVA funding eligible for this purpose and the initial required state match component of \$2,035,142.

3. Any balances remaining from the appropriation identified in this paragraph shall not revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, but shall be brought forward and made available to support VERIS replacement in the subsequent fiscal year.

F. Out of this appropriation, \$2,200,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the department to mail Voter Information Notices to all registered voters in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to changes made to the districts of the House of Delegates, the districts of the Senate of Virginia, the districts of Congressional Representatives, and some local districts during the redistricting process in accordance with the provisions of § [24.2-306](#), Code of Virginia. The department shall include information on new voter legislative districts, and, to the extent it is available, new polling locations in this notice.

G. Out of this appropriation, \$6,208 the first year and \$12,416 the second year from the general fund is provided to support costs associated with the expansion of the State Board of Elections.

H. Out of this appropriation, \$1,250,000 the first year and \$1,250,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the department to educate voters on the laws and regulations governing elections in Virginia, upcoming general elections, primaries, and special elections, and any changes to Virginia's legislative districts and voter precincts.