



STATE OF ILLINOIS
**OFFICE OF THE
AUDITOR GENERAL**

William G. Holland, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

COMPLIANCE ATTESTATION EXAMINATION

For the Two Years Ended: June 30, 2011

Release Date: March 27, 2012

Summary of Findings:

Total this audit: 4

Total last audit: 5

Repeated from last audit: 1

SYNOPSIS

- The State Board of Elections did not promulgate rules as required by the Election Code.
- The State Board of Elections did not comply with the Election Code regarding civil penalties for late filing of Statements of Organization.

{Expenditures and Activity Measures are summarized on the reverse page.}

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION
For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2011**

EXPENDITURE STATISTICS	2011	2010	2009
Total Expenditures.....	\$ 19,584,919	\$ 15,107,083	\$ 26,448,796
OPERATIONS TOTAL.....	\$ 9,642,965	\$ 7,375,912	\$ 9,412,587
% of Total Expenditures.....	49.2%	48.8%	35.6%
AWARDS AND GRANTS.....	\$ 9,941,954	\$ 7,731,171	\$ 17,036,209
% of Total Expenditures.....	50.8%	51.2%	64.4%
Total Receipts.....	\$ 9,005,575	\$ 7,741,858	\$ 3,822,479
Average Number of Employees.....	72	69	66

SELECTED ACTIVITY MEASURES (Not Examined)	2011	2010	2009
ELECTIONS DIVISION			
Number of election judge schools requested...	221	101	104
Number of election jurisdiction submitting voter registration database files.....	110	110	110
Number of nomination petitions filed.....	94	978	101
Number of petition objections filed.....	0	237	5
Number of petition copy requests received....	15	938	54
Number of election publications requested....	1,980	4,000	4,700
CAMPAIGN FINANCING DIVISION			
Number of organizations that qualify as party organizations.....	369	696	658
Number of organizations that qualify as political action committees.....	1021	512	498
Number of outside complaints filed.....	42	26	29
Number of raffle applications approved.....	779	427	768
Number of financial disclosure reports received.....	21,179	13,635	19,268
Number of report amendments filed.....	2,601	1,301	1,476

AGENCY DIRECTOR
During Examination Period: Mr. Daniel White (7/1/2009 to 12/31/2010) Mr. Rupert Borgsmiller (1/1/2011 to present)
Currently: Mr. Rupert Borgsmiller

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

FAILURE TO PROMULGATE RULES

No rules developed for electronic reporting

The State Board of Elections (Board) did not promulgate rules as required by the Election Code (Code). We noted the Board had not promulgated rules for electronic unit-by-unit vote total reporting. This portion of the Code became effective on November 9, 2007.

We recommended the Board continue to work towards full implementation of electronic unit-by-unit vote total reporting and adopt rules to govern the electronic reporting as required. (Finding 2, page 11)

Board agrees with the auditors

Board officials concurred with the finding and stated the Board continues to work on design and development phase of the Electronic Canvassing system.

INACCURATE CALCULATION OF CIVIL PENALTIES

The Board did not comply with the Election Code regarding civil penalties for late filing of Statements of Organization (Form D-1). We noted the following deficiencies during our testing:

Board computed penalties incorrectly

- The Board assessed the incorrect penalty amount for a Form D-1 that was due during Fiscal Year 2011. The Board computed the penalty due using the \$25 per day amount that was in effect during Fiscal Year 2010, instead of the \$50 per day amount that was in effect during Fiscal Year 2011. As a result, the political committee in this instance was fined \$1,375 less than it should have been.

Political committees were under- or over-fined due to the Board incorrectly computing days late

- The Board did not correctly compute the number of business days late that the Form D-1 was filed in all instances. We noted the Board incorrectly computed the number of business days late for the Form D-1 was filed in 3 of 7 (43%) instances tested, resulting in the political committees in these instances being under- or over-fined by \$25 in each instance.

We recommended the Board establish procedures to ensure penalty amounts are calculated accurately prior to assessing the fines against political committees. (Finding 3, pages 12-13)

Board agrees with auditors

Board officials concurred with the finding and stated they will enhance procedures to ensure future penalties are calculated accurately prior to assessing fines.

OTHER FINDINGS

The remaining findings are reportedly being given attention by the Board. We will review the Board's progress towards implementation of our recommendations in our next examination.

AUDITOR'S OPINION

We conducted a compliance examination of the State Board of Elections as required by the Illinois State Auditing Act. The State Board of Elections has no funds that require an audit leading to an opinion on financial statements.



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AUDITORS ASSIGNED

The compliance examination was conducted by the Auditor General's staff.