



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

William G. Holland, Auditor General

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**SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST**

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**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION**  
**For the Two Years Ended: June 30, 2013**

**Release Date: February 11, 2014**

**Summary of Findings:**

<b>Total this audit:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total last audit:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Repeated from last audit:</b>	<b>2</b>

**SYNOPSIS**

- The State Board of Elections (Board) did not comply with statutory requirements over political committee audits.
- The Board failed to promulgate rules as required by the Election Code.

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

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For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2013**

<b>EXPENDITURE STATISTICS</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b> .....	\$ 13,778,956	\$ 17,799,492	\$ 19,584,919
OPERATIONS TOTAL.....	\$ 8,948,273	\$ 11,464,315	\$ 9,642,965
% of Total Expenditures.....	64.9%	64.4%	49.2%
AWARDS AND GRANTS.....	\$ 4,830,683	\$ 6,335,177	\$ 9,941,954
% of Total Expenditures.....	35.1%	35.6%	50.8%
<b>Total Receipts</b> .....	\$ 1,755,236	\$ 1,209,751	\$ 9,005,575
<b>Average Number of Employees</b> .....	71	71	72

<b>SELECTED ACTIVITY MEASURES (Not Examined)</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>ELECTIONS DIVISION</b>			
Number of election judge schools requested.....	175	105	221
Number of election jurisdiction submitting voter registration database files.....	110	110	110
Number of nominating petitions filed.....	141	1,352	94
Number of petition objections filed.....	34	199	0
Number of petition copy requests received.....	14	1,625	15
Number of election publications requested.....	823	1,772	1,980
<b>CAMPAIGN FINANCING DIVISION</b>			
Number of organizations that qualify as party organizations.....	400	370	369
Number of organizations that qualify as political action committees	1,036	1,083	1,021
Number of outside complaints filed.....	65	24	42
Number of raffle applications approved.....	1,000	777	779
Number of financial disclosure reports reviewed.....	18,280	16,080	21,179
Number of report amendments filed.....	2,300	2,100	2,601

<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>
During Examination Period: Mr. Rupert Borgsmiller
Currently: Mr. Rupert Borgsmiller

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**NONCOMPLIANCE OVER POLITICAL COMMITTEE  
AUDITS**

**Failure to comply with Election  
Code**

The State Board of Elections (Board) did not comply with the Election Code (Code) regarding required political committee audits. During testing, we noted:

**Audits received late or not at all**

- Five of 12 audits conducted by the Board were received by the Board between 1 and 20 days late, and late fees totaling \$6,750 were not assessed for the late audit submissions.

**Late fees totaling \$6,750 were not  
assessed**

- For the remaining 7 audits, the Board did not follow their own procedures to excuse the committees from submitting final reports after the allotted timeframe. (Finding 1, pages 9-10)

We recommended the Board assess the required late fees for the late submission of political committee audits as required by the Code and follow their own procedures to excuse committees from audits as established in the Administrative Code.

**Board agrees with auditors**

Board officials concurred with the finding and stated appropriate adjustments to the administrative rules and procedures will be made accordingly.

**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. (Finding 2, pages 11-12)

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.

**Board agrees with the auditors**

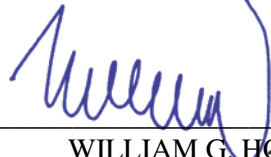
Board officials concurred with the finding and stated that upon the completion of remaining Electronic Canvassing development and implementation tasks they will promulgate rules in accordance with the Code.

## **OTHER FINDINGS**

The remaining findings pertain to inadequate controls over (1) personal services, (2) Agency Workforce Reports and (3) voucher processing. We will review the Board's process towards the implementation of our recommendations in our next examination.

## **AUDITORS' OPINION**

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



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.. Auditor General

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## **AUDITORS ASSIGNED**

This examination was performed by the Office of the Auditor General's staff.