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### SUBMISSION FORM

**AGENCY MISSION**

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Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's accountability report.

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## **AGENCY’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The mission of the State Election Commission (SEC) is to ensure every eligible citizen in South Carolina has the opportunity to register to vote, participate in fair and impartial elections, and have the assurance that their vote will count.

Conducting elections is a technologically and legally complex profession, subject to exceptional scrutiny by voters, candidates, media, and the legal community. This requires everyone involved in the elections process, whether at the municipal, county, or state level, to possess a wide variety of core competencies including technological, logistical and management skills, as well as a high level of election experience and expertise.

While 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. Specifically, the agency is tasked with:

- Maintaining the statewide voter registration system
- Supporting the statewide voting system
- Conducting a candidate filing system
- Performing audits and post election analysis of county boards of registration and elections
- Stepping in to assist counties if they are noncompliant with state law, federal law or SEC policies and procedures; or if the county is unable to certify results of an election in a timely manner
- Conducting a training and certification program for local election officials

Everything we do as an agency – our programs and projects – emanates from these responsibilities. The primary goal is to provide the highest level and quality of service possible within these mandates.

In the last two years, two major legislative changes have significantly impacted the SEC. In 2014, state and county election officials conducted candidate filing for the general election for the first time. Candidate filing was previously conducted by political parties. In June 2014, the legislature passed a bill giving the SEC supervisory and audit authority over all elections.

This was a significant change for the SEC and county boards of registration and elections. The SEC is required to perform audits and other post election analysis to determine if county boards are compliant with state and federal laws as well as SEC policies and procedures. The agency is also tasked with preparing audit reports, making recommendations for improvement and overseeing corrective actions. If the county is found to be noncompliant or is unable to certify the results of an election, the SEC can step in and assist a county with certification or day-to-day operations if necessary.

The long-term effect of these legislative changes will be increased accountability, transparency and better run elections. However, adequate funding is imperative in order to fully implement an audit and post analysis program.

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**MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS**

**2014 Statewide General Election**

The SEC and county election commissions successfully conducted the November 4, 2014 Statewide General Election. The SEC created databases and provided election support to 46 county election commissions. Nearly 1.3 million South Carolinians voted for a variety of offices on federal, state and local levels. More than 18,000 poll workers and election officials across the state worked diligently to ensure the General Election was a success.

**Election Results Audits**

The SEC conducts statewide, pre- and post-certification election results audits on all state-level elections. The SEC also offers auditing services for county and municipal election commissions conducting local elections. Election audits help ensure election results are certified accurately, verify that each ballot was counted, provide enhanced election transparency, and help identify opportunities to run elections more efficiently. The 2014 General Election was the first statewide general election in which all counties participated in the audit program.

**Polling Place Line Management**

The SEC worked during FY2015 to raise awareness of polling place line management techniques. The Agency held meetings with directors from all 46 counties focused on queue management at polling places. Queue management techniques were also added to the Poll Manager’s Handbook, the Poll Manager Training Presentation, and Training and Certification Program classes.

**Security Enhancements**

A procedure was developed so that all users of the statewide voter registration system are now required to sign a security agreement in order to retain access to the system. This is audited twice yearly and constantly monitored to ensure only authorized personnel have access to Voter information. A two-factor authentication solution has been implemented to further secure this system. A full gap analysis has been performed on SEC information security and technology. The agency information security officer is working in conjunction with other agency security officers across the state to develop policies and procedures to make the SEC fully compliant with Department of Technology Office policy.

**Training & Certification Program Enhancements**

State law requires the SEC to train and certify election officials. In FY2015, the SEC implemented a training management system that allows Training & Certification Program participants to sign up for classes, pay fees, and track the progress of their certification online, among other functionalities.

**Local Election Support**

In an effort to ensure success of the statewide voting system, the SEC provided voting system support to county boards of voter registration and elections for approximately 200 local elections; including county, special, and municipal elections. The SEC provided county offices with training, media relations, and voting system support. Counties save more than \$1.5 million annually by taking advantage of voting system services provided by SEC staff, rather than contracting services with the system vendor.

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**Certification Deadline for Presidential Candidates**

State law was changed in FY2015 to require state political parties to certify candidates for President and Vice President to the SEC no later than noon on the Tuesday follow Labor Day. Previously, the deadline for certification of Presidential candidates was September 10 (25 days after the deadline for all other candidates, August 15). The new deadline provides the SEC and county boards of voter registration and elections with at least two and as many as eight additional days to prepare ballots and voting machine databases and to meet the federal 45-day deadline to mail absentee ballots to military and overseas citizens.

**Voter Education and Outreach**

The SEC continued to reach out and educate voters on all aspects of voter registration and elections through the Agency’s *SC Votes* voter education initiative. The statewide initiative helps ensure voters are informed about the requirements, processes, procedures, and deadlines associated with voter registration and voting in South Carolina. FY2015 efforts focused on continuing to educate voters on Photo ID requirements. The initiative includes: educational brochures, posters, videos, outreach at public events, a voter education website (scVOTES.org), social media messaging, and a statewide media campaign. In FY2015, the SEC was recognized by Google for improving elections through open data by highlighting its contributions to the Voting Information Project. The Agency works with Google to help provide election information to the public on location of polling places, election rules, and other election information.

**KEY OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES**

**Replacing the Statewide Voting System**

The SEC held a voting system fair in May 2015 to educate election officials, members of the General Assembly, and other voter advocacy groups on current voting technologies. Approximately 200 attendees heard from four of the six voting system vendors with federally certified voting systems (or systems pending certification) and a panel of national election administration experts. The State Information Technology Management Office provided information on the state procurement process. The SEC conducted requirements gathering workshops throughout the state to gain input for development of a request for proposals.

The statewide voting system was implemented in November 2004 at a cost of approximately \$34 million, funded mostly through a federal grant. The system includes more than 12,000 touch screen voting machines, more than 2,000 touch screen voting machines with audio ballot capabilities for the visually impaired, optical ballot scanners for absentee by mail ballots, and other peripheral equipment. The system is reaching the end of its life cycle.

The SEC is planning for the replacement of the current voting system. Over the past four fiscal years, the Agency has made budget requests to purchase a voting system. To date, the SEC has received \$1 million of the estimated \$40 million anticipated cost.

**County Compliance Audits**

As of June 2014 with the passage of S.815, the SEC was given authority to audit counties for compliance with state and federal law by requiring reviews, audits or other post election analysis. The agency received initial funding to hire a consulting firm that successfully developed the county field audit program. During FY2015, one compliance auditor was hired. However, the program is not fully

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operational thus requiring the SEC to request additional funding and resources. The agency anticipates having the program fully operational by November 2016.

**Election Legislation**

Each year the SEC provides information to the General Assembly to develop and enact legislation to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of voter registration and elections.

**Agency Funding**

While the SEC has received funds in recent fiscal years to reduce a shortfall in personal services, the agency remains underfunded by approximately \$400,000.

Following the passage of Act 196, the FY2016 budget included half of the necessary funding for implementation of Act 196 (county compliance audits) in the amount of \$371,000. In order to fully implement the Act, an additional \$371,000 is needed.

Over the past four fiscal years, the Agency has made budget requests to replace the state’s aging voting system. The projected cost is \$40 million.

Due to agency growth and the pending sale of the state-owned building where the Agency has been located for more than 30 years, the Agency is moving its location and will be requesting funds to cover the increase in rent.

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Program Template

Program/Title	Purpose	FY 2013-14 Expenditures				TOTAL	FY 2014-15 Expenditures				TOTAL	Associated Objective(s)
		General	Other	Federal			General	Other	Federal			
I. Administration	Leadership and direction for the agency, including administration, finance and support services.	\$ 304,762	\$ 68,309	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 373,070	\$ 311,935	\$ 64,281	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 376,216	1.3.1, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3
II. Voter Services	Provide databases and ballot layout assistance to county and municipal election commissions, provide counties with election support services and technical assistance related to statewide voting system; provide election security oversight and guidance to counties	\$ 483,442	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 483,442	\$ 692,414	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 692,414	1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.3.1, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.6.1, 2.6.2, 2.6.3, 3.1.3, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3
III. Public Information/Training	Administer a mandatory statewide training and certification program for county and municipal election officials; provide ongoing training events and workshops; provide a poll manager training program and materials; educate the public on the voter registration and election process; provide information regarding elections and agency activities	\$ 147,262	\$ 10,960	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158,222	\$ 168,992	\$ 7,385	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 176,377	1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.3.1, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.6.3, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3
IV. Distributions to Subdivisions	Provide aid to county stipend as per Proviso 100.1.	\$ 422,407	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 422,407	\$ 427,957	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 427,957	1.3.1, 1.6.3
V. Statewide Prim/General Election	Oversee and assist with the conduct of primaries, general elections and special primaries and when necessary any subsequent protests or appeals; insure the quality of the election process and the faith and trust the voting public has in the integrity of elections in South Carolina.	\$ 493,094	\$ 1,438,806	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,931,900	\$ 5,058,560	\$ 509,122	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,567,682	All
VII. Employee Benefits	Program to provide insurance, retirement, social security, etc. for state employees	\$ 224,817	\$ 26,752	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 251,569	\$ 276,430	\$ 13,529	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 289,959	All
Photo ID (Note 1: Funding earmarked for Photo ID ended June 30, 2014. FY2015 Photo ID expenditures shown are part of normal operating expenses/supplies)	Program established to implement photo ID legislation passed in which required all registered voters to present a picture ID when voting in South Carolina (Note 1: Funding earmarked for Photo ID ended June 30, 2014. FY2015 Photo ID expenditures shown are part of normal operating expenses/supplies)	\$ 19,598	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,598	\$ 24,281	\$ 1,183	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,464	1.3.1, 2.4.3, 3.1.3
Help America Vote Act	Help America Vote Act (HAVA) established in 2002 to improve federal elections	\$ 991	\$ -	\$ 671,287	\$ -	\$ 672,278	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,068	\$ -	\$ 51,068	2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 3.1.3
Federal Voting Assistance Program	Program established to allow all military and overseas citizens the ability to vote an online absentee ballot for all federal elections	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,367	\$ -	\$ 65,367	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,221	\$ -	\$ 76,221	1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.3.1, 2.3.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.1

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Strategic Planning Template

Type	Item #			Description
	Goal	Strat	Object	
Goal	1			<b>Improve the voter registration process for all citizens by increasing access and opportunities to register to vote</b>
Strat		1.1		<b>Increase use of Online Voter Registration (OVR) by increasing awareness of the process and ease of use of the application</b>
Object			1.1.1	<i>Increase percentage share of voter registration applications received through OVR in each fiscal year</i>
Object			1.1.2	<i>Make mobile OVR application available for use no later than September 1, 2016</i>
Strat		1.2		<b>Increase security of all voters' personally identifiable information in the Statewide Voter Registration System</b>
Object			1.2.1	<i>Implement two-factor identification security protocols no later than November 1, 2015</i>
Object			1.2.2	<i>Require all county users to sign security agreements no later than October 1, 2015</i>
Strat		1.3		<b>Increase public access to voter registration information and statistics</b>
Object			1.3.1	<i>Provide voter registration information and statistics to the public in a timely and accurate manner</i>
Goal	2			<b>Improve the election process statewide while ensuring all elections are conducted in a fair, impartial, and accurate manner</b>
Strat		2.1		<b>Maintain quality of statewide elections by providing quality, professional voting system database building services</b>
Object			2.1.1	<i>Provide all election databases to jurisdictions no later than 50 days prior to date of election</i>
Object			2.1.2	<i>Improve database development processes and procedures to reduce and eliminate defects in databases produced</i>
Object			2.1.3	<i>Provide results of all pre-certification audits to election authority prior to certification hearing</i>
Object			2.1.4	<i>Reduce and eliminate instances of counties certifying inaccurate results</i>
Strat		2.2		<b>Improve quality of statewide elections by replacing current voting system</b>
Object			2.2.1	<i>Obtain funding for voting system by FY2017</i>
Object			2.2.2	<i>Release Request for Proposals by January 2016</i>
Object			2.2.3	<i>Begin implementation of new voting system in January 2017</i>
Strat		2.3		<b>Ensure equal access to ballots for all candidates by providing for fair and open candidate filing process</b>
Object			2.3.1	<i>Provide information to public on requirements to file for office no later than February 2016</i>
Object			2.3.2	<i>Provide accurate information to public on filed candidates in real time as candidates file during the filing period</i>
Object			2.3.3	<i>Ensure county compliance with candidate filing laws and procedures</i>
Strat		2.4		<b>Increase level of polling place accessibility for all voters</b>
Object			2.4.1	<i>Conduct survey of all polling places statewide to gauge accessibility by August 2015</i>
Object			2.4.2	<i>Report results and provide counties with information and guidance on improving polling place accessibility by October 2015</i>
Object			2.4.3	<i>Increase overall level of accessibility of all polling places in each fiscal year</i>
Strat		2.5		<b>Ensure election results are reported completely, accurately, and timely</b>
Object			2.5.1	<i>Ensure 100% compliance with requirement for counties to report unofficial results on election night</i>
Object			2.5.2	<i>Ensure counties comply with verification procedures to ensure accuracy of unofficial results</i>
Object			2.5.3	<i>Require all counties report partial election night results beginning with the 2014 General Election</i>
Strat		2.6		<b>Improve polling place experience for voters and poll managers</b>
Object			2.6.1	<i>Increase use of electronic poll books in all 46 counties in every fiscal year</i>
Object			2.6.2	<i>100% usage of electronic poll books in all counties</i>

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Type	Item #			Description
	Goal	Strat	Object	
Object			<b>2.6.3</b>	<i>Increase use of One Call Now telephone messaging system in each statewide election</i>
Goal	<b>3</b>			<b>Provide resources and support to local election officials to improve voter registration and elections for citizens of South Carolina</b>
Strat		<b>3.1</b>		Provide a training and certification program for county election officials
Object			<b>3.1.1</b>	<i>Ensure compliance by reporting non-compliant members to the appropriate authorities on a quarterly basis</i>
Object			<b>3.1.2</b>	<i>Ensure compliance by withholding county board member stipends from non-compliant board members</i>
Object			<b>3.1.3</b>	<i>Provide adequate number of classes in various location throughout the state to ensure members have the opportunity to achieve and maintain certification</i>
Strat		<b>3.2</b>		Fully implement county compliance auditing program statewide
Object			<b>3.2.1</b>	<i>Conduct initial compliance audits in select counties by July 2015</i>
Object			<b>3.2.2</b>	<i>Secure funding for full staffing of compliance auditing program by FY2017</i>
Object			<b>3.2.3</b>	<i>Have county compliance auditing program fully operational by November 2016</i>



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Performance Measurement Template

Item	Performance Measure	Last Value	Current Value	Target Value	Time Applicable	Data Source and Availability	Reporting Freq.	Calculation Method	Associated Objective(s)
1	Total Active Registered Voters	2,843,744	2,889,904	NA	July 1 - June 30	Statewide Voter Registration System (RP0040)	On Demand	Number of active, registered voters at end of fiscal year	1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.3.1
2	Voters Registered	139,903	158,213	NA	July 1 - June 30	Statewide Voter Registration System (RP0061)	On Demand	Number of active voter registration records with a voter registration date within the period (Voters previously registered in another county are included in new registrations)	1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.3.1
3	Voters Made Inactive	180,441	82,610	NA	July 1 - June 30	Statewide Voter Registration System (RP0061)	On Demand	Number of registration records made inactive (Voters that register in a new county are not included in "made inactive" since their record is made inactive)	1.1.1, 1.3.1
4	Percentage of Registrations Submitted Online (actual number)	3.5% (4,944)	7.2% (11,458)	NA	July 1 - June 30	Statewide Voter Registration System (RP0061)	On Demand	Number of applications received through Online Voter Registration and FPCA forms received through the Electronic Voting Accessibility Tool	1.1.1,1.1.2, 1.3.1
5	Percentage of Registrations Received By Mail (actual number)	16.2% (22,625)	15.4% (24,360)	NA	July 1 - June 30	Statewide Voter Registration System (RP0061)	On Demand	Number of applications received by mail (includes state, national, FPCA, FWAB forms)	1.1.1,1.1.2, 1.3.1
6	Percentage of Registrations In Office (actual number)	5.9% (8,221)	6.5% (10,276)	NA	July 1 - June 30	Statewide Voter Registration System (RP0061)	On Demand	Number of applications submitted in office (also includes source unknown)	1.1.1,1.1.2, 1.3.1
7	Percentage of Registrations at DMV (actual number)	73.0% (102,109)	68.1% (107,691)	NA	July 1 - June 30	Statewide Voter Registration System (RP0061)	On Demand	Number of applications received through the Department of Motor Vehicles	1.1.1,1.1.2, 1.3.1
8	Percentage of Registrations at Other Public Service Agencies (actual number)	1.4% (2,004)	2.8% (4,428)	NA	July 1 - June 30	Statewide Voter Registration System (RP0061)	On Demand	Number of applications received through other public service agencies	1.1.1,1.1.2, 1.3.1
9	Percentage of Counties That Have Not Implemented Electronic Poll Books (actual number)	24% (11)	11% (5)	0%	July 1 - June 30	Voter Services Division Survey of Counties	Annually	Percentage of counties not using Electronic Voter Registration Lists (EVRL) in any precincts	2.6.1, 2.6.2
10	Percentage of Counties That Have Partially Implemented Electronic Poll Books (actual number)	26% (12)	35% (16)	0%	July 1 - June 30	Voter Services Division Survey of Counties	Annually	Percentage of counties using Electronic Voter Registration Lists (EVRL) in some, but not all, precincts	2.6.1, 2.6.2

11	Percentage of Counties with Full Implementation of Electronic Poll Books (actual number)	50% (23)	54% (25)	100%	July 1 - June 30	Voter Services Division Survey of Counties	Annually	Percentage of counties using Electronic Voter Registration Lists (EVRL) in all precincts	2.6.1, 2.6.2
12	Photo Voter Registration Cards Issued	17,058	10,964	NA	July 1 - June 30	Voter Services Division Tracking of Cards Printed	Monthly	Number of Photo Voter Registration Cards Printed at SEC (sole source of printing cards)	2.4.3
13	Number of SEC Voter Educations Events	32	25	NA	July 1 - June 30	Public Information & Training Division Tracking of Events	Annually	Number of voter education events conducted with SEC involvement	1.1.1, 1.1.2, 2.3.2, 2.4.1, 2.4.3, 2.5.1, 2.5.3
14	scVOTES.org Total Visits	176,420	169,247	NA	July 1 - June 30	Google Analytics	On Demand	Total number of sessions	1.1.1, 1.1.2, 2.3.2, 2.4.1, 2.4.3, 2.5.1, 2.5.3
15	scVOTES.org Percentage Returning Visits (actual number)	35.0% (61,691)	27.4% (46,416)	NA	July 1 - June 30	Google Analytics	On Demand	Total number of sessions by returning users	1.1.1, 1.1.2, 2.3.2, 2.4.1, 2.4.3, 2.5.1, 2.5.3
16	scVOTES.org Percentage New Visits (actual number)	65% (114,729)	72.6% (122,831)	NA	July 1 - June 30	Google Analytics	On Demand	Total number of sessions by new users	1.1.1, 1.1.2, 2.3.2, 2.4.1, 2.4.3, 2.5.1, 2.5.3
17	Twitter Followers	968	1,084	NA	July 1 - June 30	Twitter.com	On Demand	Total followers	1.1.1, 1.1.2, 2.3.2, 2.4.1, 2.4.3, 2.5.1, 2.5.3
18	Facebook Likes	3,080	3,091	NA	July 1 - June 30	Facebook.com	On Demand	Total likes	1.1.1, 1.1.2, 2.3.2, 2.4.1, 2.4.3, 2.5.1, 2.5.3
19	Number of Training & Certification Program Participants	493	517	NA	July 1 - June 30	Training Managment System	On Demand	Total number of active County Board Members, Directors, and Staff	3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3
20	Percentage of Participants Not in Compliance with Training & Certification Program Requirements (actual number)	4.9% (24)	3.9% (20)	0%	July 1 - June 30	Training Managment System	On Demand	Number of participants who have not completed the prerequisite classes for certification within the time period allowed by law (would also include any participants decertified pending remedial courses)	3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3
21	Training & Certification Program Classes Offered	28	26	NA	July 1 - June 30	Training Managment System	On Demand	Number of classes offered for Training & Certification Program credit	3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3
22	Training & Certification Program Total Class Attendees	663	657	NA	July 1 - June 30	Training Management System	On Demand	Total number of attendees to Training & Certification Program class. An individual participant is counted each time a class is attended.	3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3
23	Total Other Training Events	26	21	NA	July 1 - June 30	Training Management System	On Demand	Total number of other training events conducted for county and municipal election officials.	1.2.1, 1.2.2, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3
24	Percentage of County Election Officials Using ElectionNET	45% (222)	48.7% (252)	100%	41820	sselectionnet.org	On Demand	Percentage of participants in the Training & Certification Program who are active ElectionNET users	1.2.1, 1.2.2, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3

25	Number of messages sent to Poll Managers and others using Telephone Message Delivery Service (number of counties using)	14,292 (14)	6,725 (28)	NA	July 1 - June 30	onecallnow.com	On Demand	Number of messages (credits) sent to individual recipients by all users	2.6.3
26	Number of Elections Held in State	313	166	NA	July 1 - June 30	Statewide Voter Registration System	On Demand	Number of elections held statewide (elections involving more than one county have each county involved counted separately, e.g., a General Election is counted as 46 elections)	2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 3.2.1, 3.2.3
27	Number of Counties Served by SEC Database Coders	39	39	NA	July 1 - June 30	Voter Services Records	On Demand	Number of counties served by SEC database coders	2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.3.2, 2.3.3
28	Number of Audits Conducted on County Election Results (includes pre- and post-certification audits)	301	312	NA	July 1 - June 30	Voter Services Audit Records	Annually	Number of Audits conducted on county election results. Pre-certification and post-certification audits of the same election are counted as two separate audits. Incomplete audits also included.	2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3
29	Number of Post-Certification Audits Failed on County Election Results	2	0	0	July 1 - June 30	Voter Services Audit Records	Annually	Number of Audits showing a county board of voter registration and elections certified incorrect results	2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3
30	Number of Poll Managers Used (General Election or Primary/Runoff)	18,782 (2014 Primaries & Runoff)	13,168 (General Election)	NA	Date of statewide election referenced	Division of Finance & Administration Records	Annually	Total number of clerks, poll managers, and student poll managers used in the referenced election	2.4.3
31	Amount of Poll Manager Reimbursement (General Election or Primary/Runoff)	\$2,207,211.56 (2014 Primaries & Runoffs)	\$1,806,540.00	NA	Date of statewide election referenced	Division of Finance & Administration Records	Annually	Total amount reimbursed for clerks, poll managers, and student poll managers for the referenced election	2.4.3
32	Protests Heard	0	0	NA	July 1 - June 30	Division of Finance & Administration Records	Annually	Number of election protests heard by the State Board of Canvassers	2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3
33	Appeals Heard	0	3	NA	July 1 - June 30	Division of Finance & Administration Records	Annually	Number of appeals heard by the State Board of Canvassers	2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3

34	Number of Candidates Filed for Federal, State and County Level offices (fiscal years in which March filing is held will reflect significantly higher numbers)		1,354	85	NA	July 1 - June 30	Candidate Tracking System	On Demand	Number of candidates who filed for federal, state and county level offices (excludes candidates for municipal offices). Partisan candidate filing was previously conducted by political parties. Candidate tracking system implemented in February 2014. As a result, FY2013 numbers unavailable and FY2014 numbers incomplete. Results will be complete going forward.	2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3
35	Filing Fees Collected for Statewide Primaries	\$	907,396.03	\$0.00	NA	July 1 - June 30	Candidate Tracking System	On Demand	Filing fees collected from candidates seeking nomination of party nominating by primary for General Election (S.C. Code 7-13-40)	2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3
36	Filing Fees Collected for Special Primaries	\$	14,650.60	\$78,287.09	NA	July 1 - June 30	Candidate Tracking System	On Demand	Filing fees collected from candidates seeking nomination of party nominating by primary for special elections (S.C. Code 7-13-40)	2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.3
37	Training & Certification Program Fees	\$	16,725.00	\$15,165.00	NA	July 1 - June 30	Division of Finance & Administration Records	Annually	Fees collected from county and municipal board members, directors, and staff to attend Training & Certification Program classes (Proviso 79.7)	3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3
38	Sale of Voter Registration Lists	\$	108,620.50	\$104,636.60	NA	July 1 - June 30	Division of Finance & Administration Records	Annually	Fees collected from candidates, political parties, clerks of court, and the general public for voter registration lists (S.C. Code 7-3-20, Proviso 79.4)	1.3.1
39	Sale of Publications	\$	12.00	\$39.00	NA	July 1 - June 30	Division of Finance & Administration Records	Annually	Fees collected from various sources for state election commission publications (fees based on actual cost of printing)	
39	Voting System Update/Certification Fees	\$	1,000.00	\$500.00	NA	July 1 - June 30	Division of Finance & Administration Records	Annually	Fees collected from voting system vendor seeking certification (7-13-1330, 7-13-1620)	2.1.2