

House Legislative Oversight Committee

June 13, 2017

Critical Issues Impacting Budget

- Cybersecurity
 - Statewide voter registration system
 - Statewide voting system
- Voting system
 - Refresh of voting machines
 - Replacement of scanners
- Special elections to fill vacancies

Cost of Special Elections

- SEC reimburses counties for some/all costs associated with primaries, runoffs and elections
 - Poll managers
 - Ballots
 - Public notices
- Cost of elections (estimates)
 - Congressional - \$500,000
 - State Senate - \$86,000
 - State House - \$35,000

Current Special Elections

- In addition to local special primaries, runoffs and elections, the following have been held or are scheduled:
 - Congressional District 5
 - State Senate District 3
 - State House Districts 31, 48, 70, 84, and 113

Appropriations/Authorization

- General Fund Appropriations
\$5,742,078
- Authorization of other funds
 - Sale of list (\$305,000)
 - Training (\$35,000)
 - Statewide Primaries Filing Fees (\$1,200,000)
 - Special Primaries (\$100,000)

Carry Forward Funds – FY2016-17

- **General Fund – \$3,856,315**
 - Operating \$ 233,212
 - Aid to county 104,252
 - Elections 3,333,831
 - HAVA Match 185,020
- **Other Funds - \$1,193,537**
 - Sale of Lists 249,612
 - Candidate Filing 897,679
 - Training 37,246
- **Federal - \$399,929**

Revenue Generated

Source of Revenue	FY2014/15	FY2015/16
General Revenue	539	2,012
Candidate Filing Fees	78,287	1,215,574
Training Program	15,165	18,500
Sale of List Program	104,637	175,957
HAVA Grant	5,476	4,755
FVAP Grant	0	8,652
Presidential Preference Primaries	0	360,000
TOTALS	204,104	1,785,450

Cash Balances

Source of Revenue	FY2014/15	FY2015/16
General Revenue	2,413	2,852
Candidate Filing Fees	133,124	897,679
Training Program	27,610	37,246
Sale of List Program	171,880	249,612
HAVA Grant	445,494	399,929
FVAP Grant	0	0
Presidential Preference Primaries	0	0
TOTALS	780,521	1,587,318

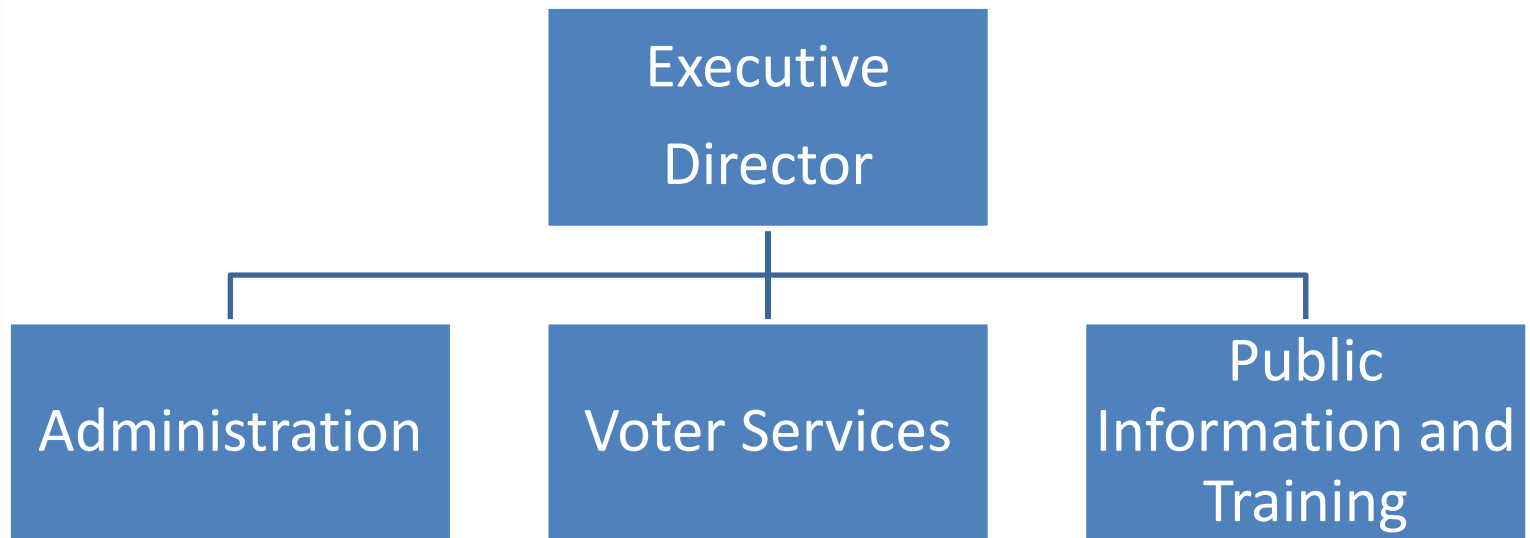
Other Agencies

- Same or similar
 - ✗ Customers
 - ✗ Products
 - ✗ Services
- Products and services do not fit within the mission of any other agency.
- Other agencies assist SEC with voter registration services

Methodology for Allocation

- Agency expenditures assigned to objectives
- Each employee's job duties were compared to individual objectives based on percentage of time spent performing job duties related to the objective
- All agency expenditures and cost of employee salaries/benefits included in amount assigned to objective.

Organizational Unit Details



Agency Goals

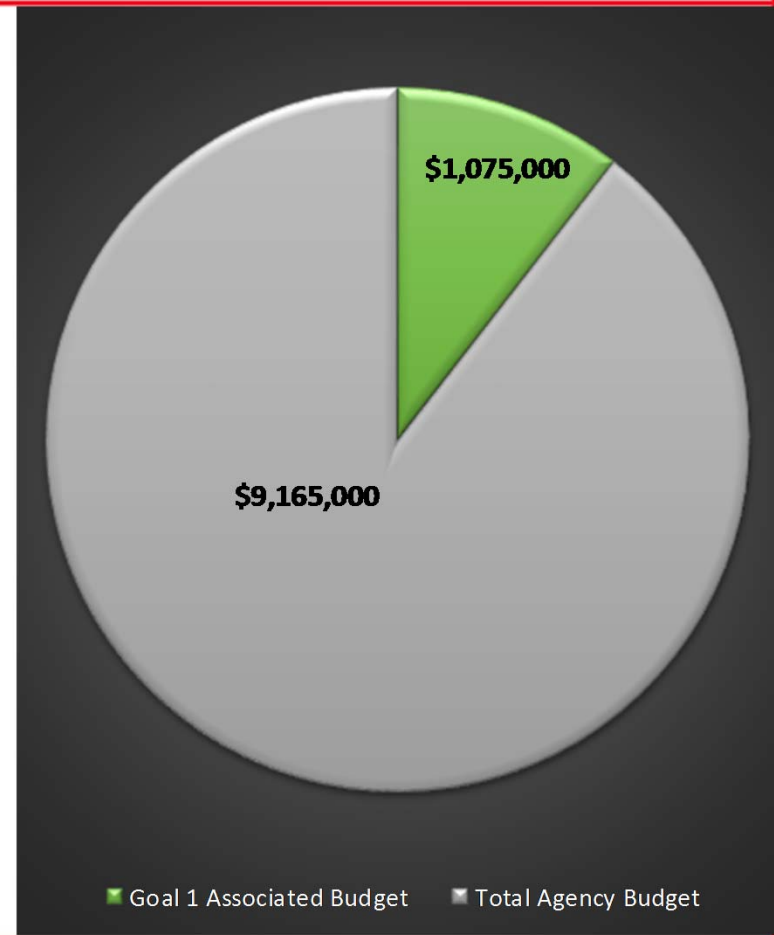
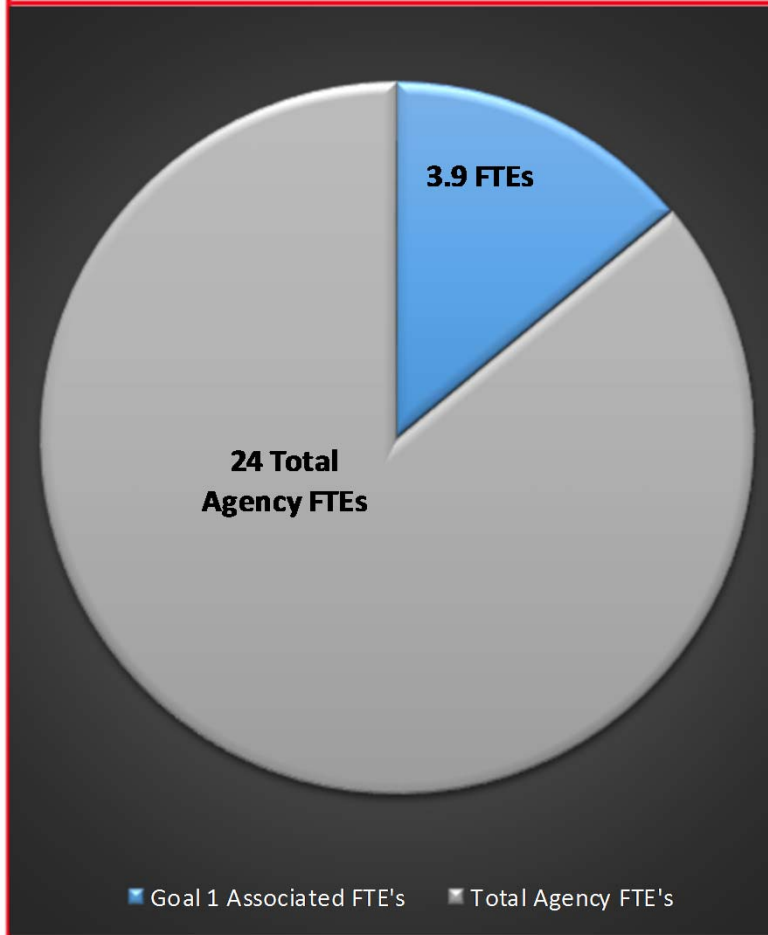
1. Provide for a system of voter registration that is free of barriers
2. Certify and support a statewide voting system that meets state law, federal voting system standards and is accessible for all voters
3. Support counties in conducting voter registration and fair and impartial elections
4. Effectively oversee all agency programs and operations

Goal 1 - System of Voter Registration

Objectives

1. Provide a system that is available and secure
2. Support county users to maintain accurate records
3. Provide various methods of voter registration

Goal 1 – Analysis

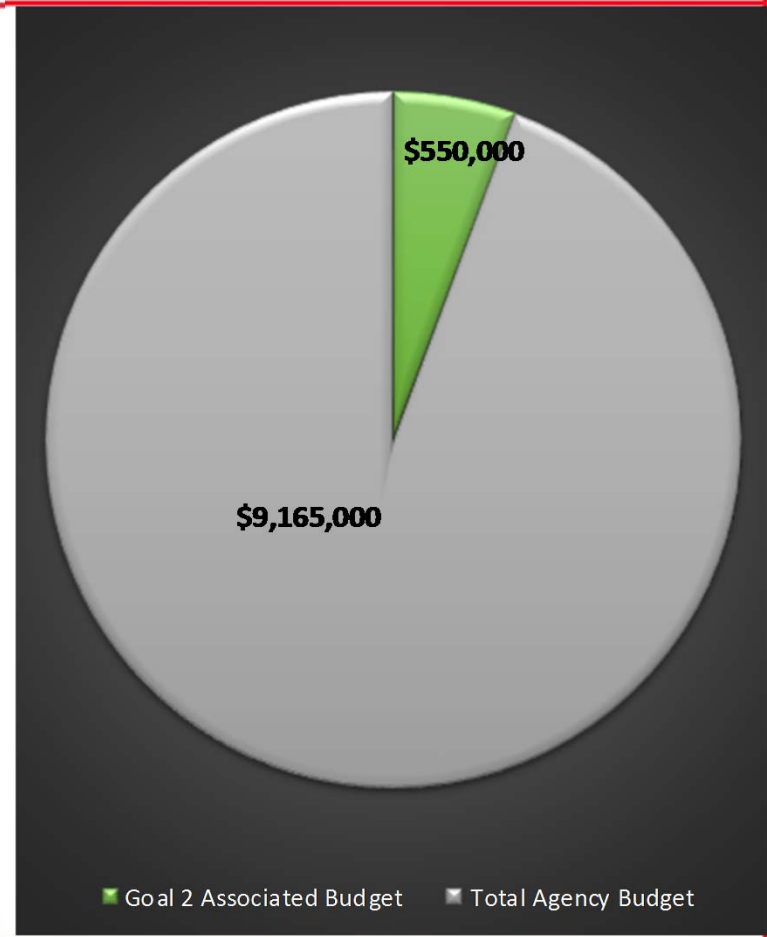
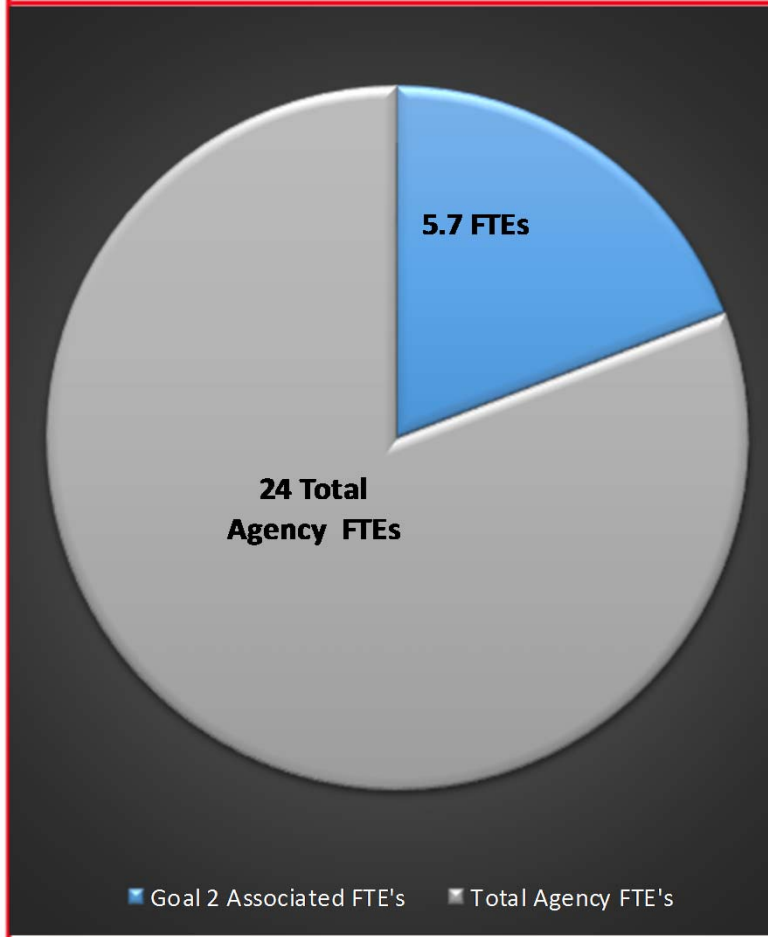


Goal 2 - Statewide Voting System

Objectives

1. Produce election specific databases
2. Support county users
3. Audit vote totals prior to certification of election results

Goal 2 – Analysis

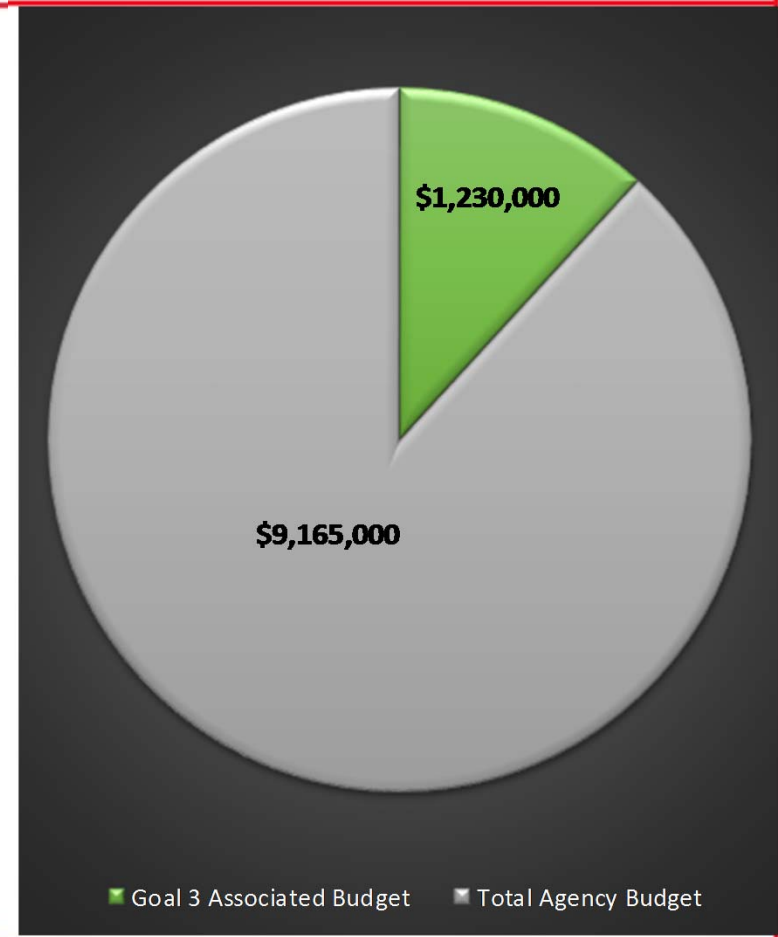
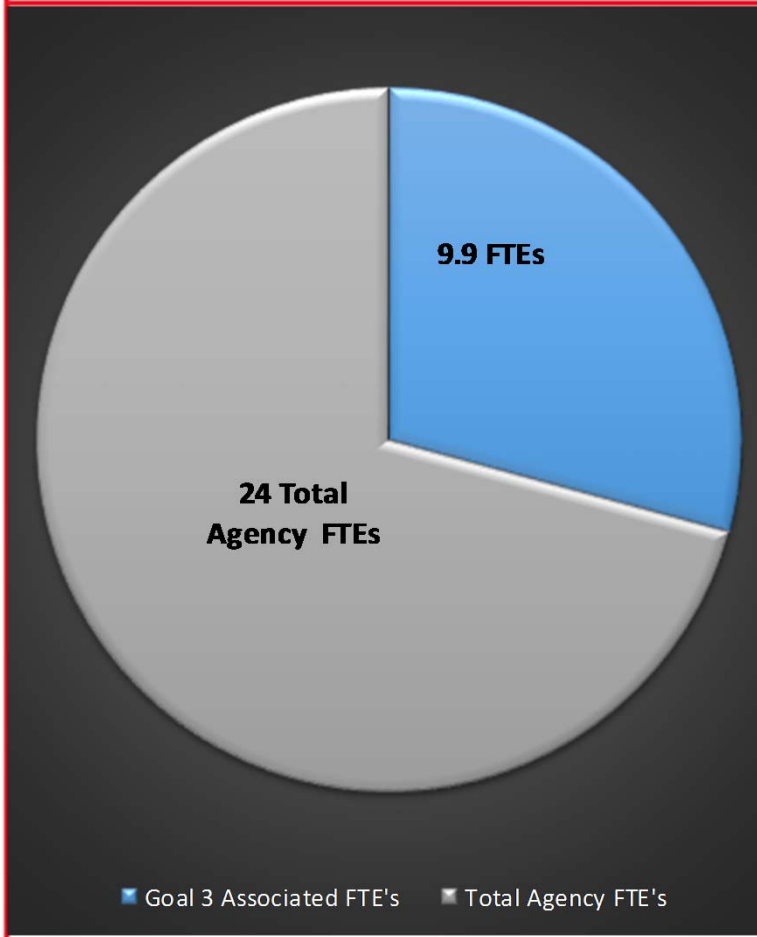


Goal 3 – Support Counties in Conducting Voter Registration and Elections

Objectives

1. Provide guidance and training
2. Provide various tools to facilitate tasks
3. Conduct county compliance audits and assessments
4. Provide voters with access to voting information
5. Increase public information

Goal 3 – Analysis

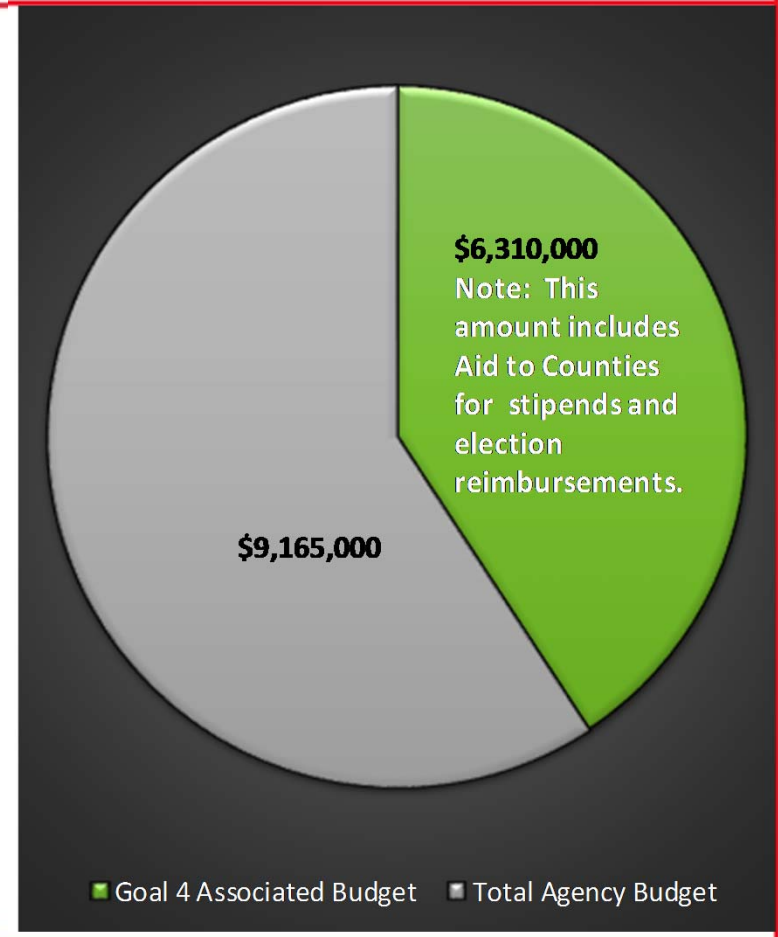
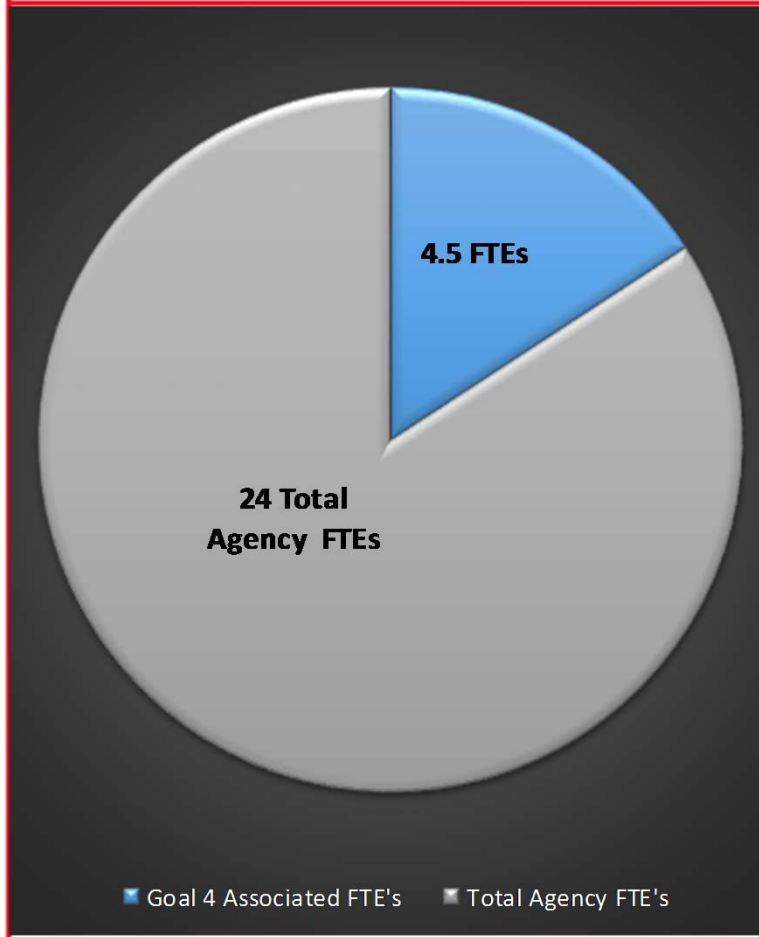


Goal 4 – Oversee Agency Programs

Objectives

1. Prepare annual budget and other financial information
2. Support services to agency employees

Goal 4 – Analysis



Unrelated Purposes and Amount Remaining

- No unrelated purposes
- No amount remaining

Agency Response to Subcommittee's May 11, 2017 Letter

SC Political Party Fees

- Presidential Preference Primaries
 - Republican Party
 - \$20,000
 - Democratic Party
 - \$0

Candidate Filing – Other States

- 19 states responded
- Filing fees vary
 - No fee in 12 states for President
 - No fee in 5 states for other offices
- Several states charge 1% of salary X term of office

Voter Qualifications Verified

- Counties verify qualifications for voter registration
 - Identity
 - U.S. Citizen
 - Age
 - County Residency

Removal From Voter Registration List

- Voters who are no longer qualified to vote are removed from active status
 - Deceased
 - Convicted of a felony/offense against election laws
 - No longer reside at address where registered
 - Mentally incompetent
 - At the voter's request

Notification to Voters

- Notifications are sent to voters who:
 - Convicted of felony or offenses against election laws
 - Moved
 - Cross state match
 - Failure to vote

Voter Information for Sale

- Any registered voter in SC can purchase:
 - CD/USB
 - Printed list/labels
 - Download file
- List can be created based on:
 - Election districts, county or statewide
 - Age, sex, race or household
 - Participation in an election
 - Date of registration

Each List Contains

- County code
- Registration number
- First, middle initial and last name
- Residence address
- Mailing address
- Gender
- Race
- Date of birth
- Registration date
- Date last voted
 - Last 2 GE's
 - Last 2 Primaries
- Precinct
- Election districts
- Voter status

Ballot Printer Qualifications

- Voting system vendor
 - System for professional printers to demonstrate their ability to produce ballots
- Ballots analyzed
 - Size, Paper thickness, Ink density, Oval thickness
- Ensures ballots will scan properly on election night

Questions

