

# **State of Alaska FY2005 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Office of the Governor Elections Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

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## Elections Results Delivery Unit

### Contribution to Department's Mission

To conduct impartial, secure and accurate elections.

### Core Services

- Oversee voter registration. Update and maintain voter records and prepare voter rolls for local and statewide elections.
- Plan, prepare and conduct two statewide elections during even numbered years. Conduct 19 Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) and 4 Coastal Resource Service Area (CRSA) elections. Conduct local liquor option, incorporation, consolidation, dissolution, recall, and special elections as required by law.
- Oversee and support the initiative petition process.
- Increase the efficiency and accessibility of the electoral process.
- Develop a plan for replacing the Voter Registration and Election Management System (VREMS).
- Improve the accuracy of the voter registration list.
- Plan, prepare and conduct the 2004 Primary and General elections.
- Encourage higher voter participation.
- Continue implementing changes mandated by H.R. 3295 (Help America Vote Act)

### FY2005 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

**FY2005 Results Delivery Unit Budget: \$4,400,900**

**Personnel:**

Full time	23
Part time	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

### Key RDU Challenges

- The division implemented and updated Alaska's State Plan in accordance with the Help America Vote Act, to ensure federal funding and grant qualification.
- Encourage changes to state law to allow the division to conduct all Regional Educational Attendance Area and Coastal Resource Service Area elections as by-mail elections.
- Manage, maintain, and improve the 18-year-old voter registration system (VREMS). The division continues to research options for a statewide voter registration system. Any system must be in compliance with the new federal election reform laws. The division has begun researching and testing the current system and other available voter registration databases to determine the best system available.
- Integrate touch screen voting equipment into the election process throughout the State for the 2004 elections. The Division will add a limited number of touch screen machines to conduct a "pilot program" in 2004. In 2006, full implementation of touch screens in every precinct of the State is required by the Help America Vote Act. Developing proper procedures for transport and security, additional training of election officials and a public outreach and education campaign is necessary to ensure public confidence and improved access to voters.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2005

No service changes.

## Major RDU Accomplishments in 2003

- Drafted significant election reform legislation to bring Alaska's election laws into compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 that was signed into law and precleared by the Department of Justice.
- Submitted Alaska's first State Plan to the Federal Election Assistance Committee to ensure federal funding for changes to the elections process and for the purchase of election related equipment as required by the Help America Vote Act of 2002.
- Began review and testing of voter registration systems and prepared a plan for replacement of the 18-year old voter registration system (VREMS).
- Successfully conducted REAA and CRSA elections across the State.
- In accordance with the National Voter Registration Act and state law, the Division moved over 12,000 voters to inactive status. For the first time since 1993, the Division was able to delete over 72,000 inactive voter records.

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**Elections**  
**RDU Financial Summary by Component**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2003 Actuals				FY2004 Authorized				FY2005 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b><u>Formula Expenditures</u></b>												
None.												
<b><u>Non-Formula Expenditures</u></b>												
Elections	4,616.2	0.0	0.0	4,616.2	1,770.0	0.0	0.0	1,770.0	4,219.1	0.0	181.8	4,400.9
Financial Disclosure Office	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	261.6	0.0	0.0	261.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,616.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4,616.2</b>	<b>2,031.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,031.6</b>	<b>4,219.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>181.8</b>	<b>4,400.9</b>

**Elections**  
**Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component**  
**From FY2004 Authorized to FY2005 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2004 Authorized</b>	<b>2,031.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,031.6</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Elections	66.5	0.0	9.3	75.8
-Financial Disclosure Office	-261.6	0.0	0.0	-261.6
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Elections	2,382.6	0.0	172.5	2,555.1
<b>FY2005 Governor</b>	<b>4,219.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>181.8</b>	<b>4,400.9</b>