

# Elections

Organization: 140050

	2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Current	2015/16 Requested	2015/16 Approved	Percent Change
<b>Revenues</b>					
Charges & Fees	120,361	2,600	110,000	110,000	100.0%
General Fund	496,629	488,604	609,184	614,475	25.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$616,990</b>	<b>\$491,204</b>	<b>\$719,184</b>	<b>\$724,475</b>	<b>47.5%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Personal Services	\$367,398	\$331,904	\$462,524	\$467,815	40.9%
Supplies & Operations	249,592	159,300	256,660	256,660	61.1%
Capital	0	0	0	0	0%
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<b>Employees</b>					
Permanent	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	0%
Hourly	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.01</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>

## Budget Highlights

The Board of Elections' budget increased by 47.5 percent (\$233,271) from the Fiscal Year 2014/15 budget, attributed to having more elections planned for Fiscal Year 2015/16 than the current year. Upcoming planned elections include municipal elections (which are fully funded by the municipalities), the addition of a Presidential Preference Primary, and the County primary election.

## Performance Measurement

### Fiscal Year 2015/16

In Fiscal Year 2015/16, Elections will focus on preparing for and successfully conducting the City of Hickory Primary Election (if necessary), Municipal Elections, Federal, State, and County Primary Elections, and Presidential Primary Election (if necessary). Similar to previous years' outcomes, Elections will ensure that all election laws passed by the General Assembly are applied by their effective date. Elections will continue work on its multi-year outcome to ensure that every registered voter's signature is on file at the State Board of Elections. In a new outcome, Elections will request feedback from election candidates on customer service, with a goal that 90 percent of respondents rate staff customer service as excellent.

**Fiscal Year 2014/15**

At mid-year Elections was on target or had already achieved 100 percent of its Fiscal Year 2014/2015 outcomes. The office completed the November 4 General Election (43.61 percent turnout) in compliance with all new election laws effective this year. Elections is on target to meet its goal of scanning 4,000 voter registration documents this fiscal year, making each voter's signature available during elections, if needed.

**Fiscal Year 2013/14**

Elections achieved all three of its outcomes. Staff prepared for and conducted the City of Hickory Primary Election, municipal elections, and the May Federal, State, and County Primary Election in accordance with State and Federal laws. The May Primary Election had a 15.53 percent turnout rate. Elections began preparing voters at the May Primary Election for the new "Photo ID" law that will go into effect in 2016. Every voter at one-stop sites and at precincts on Election Day was informed about the new law and how to get a free Photo ID if needed. Yearly preventive maintenance on all voting equipment was conducted and all machines were found to be in good working condition.

## ELECTIONS

### Statement of Purpose

The goal of the Elections Office is to organize, conduct, and provide well-planned and managed elections with immediate results. Elections will ensure the citizens of Catawba County the right to vote in fair, honest, and impartial elections in accordance with State and Federal Elections law and County regulations, and provide easy access for all registered voters.

### Outcomes

1. Prepare for and conduct the following scheduled elections as required by Federal and State law:
  - A. October 6, 2015 – City of Hickory Primary (if needed)
  - B. November 3, 2015 – General Election for the eight municipalities, the Hickory School System, and the Newton/Conover School System
  - C. March 2016 – Presidential Primary
  - D. May 3, 2016 – Primary (if a second primary is required, it will be conducted on the date set by the State Board of Elections)
2. Apply all election laws passed by the General Assembly by their effective date.
  - A. Implement the new Photo-Id law (G.S. 163-166.13) beginning in the 2016 elections. Every qualified voter voting in person in accordance with the law shall present photo identification bearing any reasonable resemblance to that voter to a local election official at the voting place before voting.
  - B. Train all One-stop and Election Day workers on the new election laws as the laws are implemented.
3. Scan 1,500 or 15 percent of the remaining voter signatures into the State Registration System (SEIMS). The State Board of Elections has required all voter registration documents to be scanned into SEIMS in order to have a signature on file for each registered voter.
4. 90 percent of election candidates who respond to Elections' customer service survey will rate the staff's customer service as "excellent."