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Budget Considerations of Consolidating Elections

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2025

Department of Elections Functions

Maintain Voter
Registration
System

Voting System
Certifications

Training of local
election officials

Candidate
Qualification

Campaign
Finance system,
reporting, and
compliance

Legislative
Tracking,
Reports, and
FOIA

Public
Information and
Voter Education

Reimbursement
of GR/EB
Salaries,
Presidential
Primaries

Update, print and
mail forms to
local offices

Current Budget and Staff



67 staff members, 6.2 million voters



\$ 22 million operating budget



\$11 million pass through for GR/EB salaries



Comparable states with even year elections:

Maryland: 55 staff members, 4.1 million voters

North Carolina: 70 staff members, 7 million voters

What do other states do in their off-year?



Website development



List Maintenance
functions – confirmation
mailing



IT procurements and
projects



Outreach
projects/partnerships

What do other states do every year?



Legislation tracking
and implementation



Voter Registration
System
maintenance



Campaign Finance



Voter Education



Training of Election
Officials



Voting System
Certification



FOIA compliance

Presidential Primary Reimbursement

Every four years, in presidential election years, the General Assembly reimburses localities for hosting the presidential primary.

2020 Presidential Primary

\$5 million (without early voting)

2024 Presidential Primary

\$11 million in expenses submitted; \$7 million reimbursed

Potential Savings



Call Center Operating Costs - \$200,000/yr



Printing of forms and envelopes – \$80,000/yr



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