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# Budget Considerations of Consolidating Elections

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# 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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Thank you!