Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Budget
Program Description

COUNTY CLERK - ELECTIONS

Department Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the County Clerk's Office to conduct all elections in a fair, accurate, impartial and efficient manner. The County Clerk's Office will preserve all election results and make said files accessible to all people. Said office will accurately maintain all filings and records as mandated by law.

Program Description (By OCA Code)	Customers Served	Mandated Service	Funding Source
130001County Clerk - Elections -The County Clerk's Office is mandated by the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article 7, Section 4(c). The duties of the County Clerk's Office are also mandated by the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article 7, Section 4(c). Elections are conducted by the "Election Authority." The election authority is the county clerk, unless there has been established a board of election commissioners.	All voters of McHenry County All units of government located within McHenry County	10 ILCS 5	General Fund
Public Act 80-936 established a consolidated election law for the State of Illinois, placing all but a few elections into a two-year schedule. Public Act 80-1469 delayed the effective date of said changes to December 1, 1980. The general election and the general primary election are conducted in even-numbered years. The consolidated election and the consolidated primary election are conducted in odd-numbered years. Public Act 90-358, effective January 1, 1998, eliminated a Nonpartisan Election, which was held in November of odd-numbered years.			
The general election law of Illinois is referred to as the Election Code and is contained in Chapter 10, Act 5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. The Election Code is extremely detailed, somewhat confusing, and constantly changing.			
In 1993 the federal government created what is known as the "National Voter Registration Act of 1993". This federal mandate placed even more responsibility upon the "election authority".			
The federal government in 2002 created the "Help America Vote Act". This act makes numerous changes to Election Law. These changes involve voter registration, polling place accessibility, election equipment that allows a handicapped voter to vote unassisted, provisional ballots and many more.	Citizens of McHenry County	Election Code	
Election laws continue to change at both the Federal and State level. It is the responsibility of the Clerk's office to stay up to date on the laws, and to implement the programs as mandated by the law.			
It was necessary in 2005 to select election equipment that will meet the requirement, that all voters be able to vote without assistance. This became mandatory January 2006. McHenry County selected a Touch Screen method that includes a paper verifiable audit trail.		HAVA	
HAVA requires that there be a "Statewide Voter Registration System" in place by 2006. As of July 2006, the SBE has entered into a contract to meet this federal mandate. Completion should be done in time for the November 2008 Presidential Election.		HAVA	
The clerk's office keeps the boundary lines for the numerous precincts in McHenry County.			
In 2005 many Public Acts were created requiring numerous changes to Illinois Election Law, the most significant being "Early Voting", "Grace Period Registration and Voting", statewide voter registration, and expanded mail-in registration requirements.	Citizens of McHenry County And State of Illinois	Election Code	

County Clerk - Page 2 The signing of SB1445, in July , 2006, has created Public Act 94-1000. Once again, Election Officials have many changes to deal with. Most significant will be the counting of all early, grace and absentee ballots centrally. This act also changes the time schedule for the appointment of Judges of Election, by committeemen. Duties associated with Elections: Voter Registration – New Registrations, Address Changes Purging of files – Inactivation of voters, removal of voters, reports, lists, and numerous forms as required by Law Deputy Registrars Candidate Petition files Resolution/Ordinance placing public questions on ballot Electoral Board Hearings Ballot Layout, Ballot Charting Coordination of supplies and equipment needed to conduct an election Precinct Boundaries, Polling Places, Judges of Elections Absentee Voting, Administration of Permanently Disabled Voters Election Legal Notices and Publications, Coordination of election setup, election day procedures, tabulation, reporting of results, etc. Canvassing and/or distribution of canvass materials to units of government Recount proceedings Maintenance of elected officials for all units of government which elect their officials, together with dates elected, vacancies, vacancies filled and expiration of terms of office **Governmental Ethics Act** The filing and maintenance of the filing, by everyone who is elected or appointed to office in any unit of government, or who is a candidate for nomination and election to any elective office, of a “Statement of Economic Interest.” Also, the filing of anyone in a decision making position of any unit of government located in McHenry County of a “Statement of Economic Interest.”	Citizens of McHenry County Citizens of McHenry County	Election Code 5 ILCS 420/4A-101 to A-107	
Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures The filing and maintenance of specific reports concerning contributions and expenditures in election campaigns	Citizens of McHenry County	10 ILCS 5/9-1 to 9-28	General Fund