



Commissioners Report

Monumental Changeover in Oswego County Board of Elections Operations

The passage of a series of bills named the “*Election Reform Modernization Act*” in this year’s legislative session has produced a historic change in the way the Oswego County Board of Elections will now operate as of November 15th of this year.

With over **1.5 million dollars** from federal and state funds the change over should be fully funded. The most conservative interpretation of the effects of the bills require the Board to assume responsibilities of at least an **increase of 50%** more than is presently mandated by current law.

Highlights of the new responsibilities:

- Ownership, maintenance, storage and transportation of voting machines by county boards of elections, rather than by town and cities. (*Ownership of current machines starts Nov. 15th, 2005*)
- Payment of voting machine custodians, election inspectors, poll clerks and election coordinators.
- Annual training of all election inspectors, poll clerks and election coordinators.
- Creation, consolidation, division and alteration of election districts.
- Determination of polling places by the board of elections and insuring access by persons with disabilities.
- Conduct a public information campaign pursuant to guidelines established by the State Board of Elections to educate the voters on the transition to new voting machines and other changes in the electoral process as well as specific information about the voting system to be used in the jurisdiction.

Information Requests

Districts	26
Green Cards	7
Party Change	2
Registration	16
Financial	8
Political Calendar	47
Absentee	12
Elections Results	2
Print-Outs/Labels	67
Election Law	11
Military Requests	1
School District	1
Other <small>(school board elections)</small>	61
HAVA	0
Total	

Mail Activity

Acknowledgment	367
Abs Ballot App	1
Cancellation	143
Confirmation	431
Prev Juris Ltr	123
Rejection	8
Transfer	327
DMV Match	0
<small>* New HAVA Requirement</small>	
Total	1,400
Average per clerk	350

Performance Statistics

New Registrations	240
Duplicate	100
Incomplete	1
Name Change	59
HAVA Mail	0
Other (file updates)	4,341
Party Changes	3
Address Changes	414
Total	5,158
Average per Clerk	1289.5