

Board of Elections Reports

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Commissioners' Report

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Phoenix Village Election

As the second largest village in Oswego County with 1349 registered voters the annual Village of Phoenix Election is a significant undertaking for the Board. This "mini" Election must be accurately prepared for, just as any full county Election, only on a smaller scale.

Microfilming of Purged Records

One of the unique legal requirements under New York State Law is that the Board of Elections must permanently maintain the voter records, even for those individuals who have moved or are now deceased. To this end, the Board, due to lack of space within our establishment, has been microfilming the "purged" files to conserve space. All February Board employees have been preparing the files to be filmed.

Reorganized Deceased Voter Tracking

One of the constant problems in maintaining the Boards' voter files to keep accurate, are the updates for the deceased voters. Under current law, the Board of Elections only receives notices from the New York State Department of Health quarterly. For the past several months we have been using a new system that checks voters against the Social Security Death Index. This is double the amount of staff time, however, this will in the long run greatly improve the accuracy of our files.

Hard Copy vs. Computer File Checking

All 87,632-voter cards must be checked for accuracy of voter information and correct order within our files. Each card is checked against a computer-generated list, which should be the order and placement for these files in the cabinets.

Information Requests

Districts	8
Green Cards	4
Party Change	10
Registration	6
Financial	15
Political Calendar	12
Absentee	7
Elections Results	5
Print-Outs/Labels	18
Election Law	7
Military Requests	2
School District	0
Other	34
Total	128

Mail Activity

Acknowledgment	2,710
Abs Ballot App	1
Cancellation	118
Confirmation	77
Prev Juris Ltr	15
Rejection	24
Transfer	730
Total	3,675
<i>Average per clerk</i>	612.5

Performance Statistics

New Registrations	135
Duplicate	28
Incomplete	7
Name Change	34
Other (file updates)	1,409
Party Changes	14
Address Changes	189
Total	1,816
<i>Average per Clerk</i>	302.6

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