

**State of Alaska**  
**FY2006 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Office of the Governor**  
**Elections**  
**Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary**

## Elections Results Delivery Unit

### Contribution to Department's Mission

To conduct impartial, secure and accurate elections.

### Core Services

- Oversee voter registration. Update and maintain voter records and prepare voter rolls for local and statewide elections.
- Plan, prepare and conduct two statewide elections during even numbered years. Conduct 19 Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) and 4 Coastal Resource Service Area (CRSA) elections. Conduct local liquor option, incorporation, consolidation, dissolution, recall, and special elections as required by law.
- Oversee, support, and verify signatures for the initiative, referendum and recall petition process.
- Increase the efficiency and accessibility of the electoral process.
- Replace the Voter Registration and Election Management System (VREMS) with a more stable, efficient, and technologically advanced system.
- Improve the accuracy of the voter registration list through list maintenance.
- Encourage higher voter awareness and participation.
- Continue implementing changes mandated by H.R. 3295 (Help America Vote Act)

### FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

<b>FY2006 Results Delivery Unit Budget: \$2,239,000</b>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Personnel:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Full time</td> <td style="text-align: right;">23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Part time</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Personnel:</b>		Full time	23	Part time	0	<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>
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### Key RDU Challenges

- The division implemented and continues to update Alaska's State Plan in accordance with the Help America Vote Act, to ensure federal funding and grant qualification.
- Propose changes to state law to allow the division to conduct all Regional Educational Attendance Area and Coastal Resource Service Area elections as by-mail elections.
- Manage, maintain, and improve the 20 year-old voter registration system (VREMS). The division will begin the RFP process to purchase a new statewide voter registration system. The system must be in compliance with the new federal election reform laws. The division has researched and tested the current system and other available voter registration databases to determine the type of system that will best suit the needs of the State while anticipating future needs and growth.
- Develop a plan for the future elections to best serve Alaskans who, in 2004, voted in record numbers by mail, by mail Special Advance, and by fax.
- Integrate touch screen voting equipment into the election process throughout the State for the 2006 elections. Full implementation of touch screens in every precinct of the State is required by the Help America Vote Act by 2006. Developing proper procedures for transport and security, additional training of election officials and a public outreach and education campaign is necessary to ensure public confidence and improved access to voters. Research technological enhancements that provide for voter verifiable paper records for touch screen systems.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

No service changes.

## Major RDU Accomplishments in 2004

- 2004 General Election saw the highest voter turnout in the last decade. More than 314,000 Alaskans voted in the 2004 election - the largest number of Alaskans voting in the history of our state.
- Conducted the Primary and General Election, 22 REAA/CRSA elections, an ASMI election, the Gustavus borough incorporation election, and the Municipality of Anchorage's bond questions as a separate election in conjunction with the General election.
- Processed over 170,000 voter registration applications. Increased voter registration rolls by over 29,000 since list maintenance in February 2004.
- Mailed over 58,000 absentee by mail ballots – 87% more than in 2000 and processed over 3,100 in by fax applications and ballots – an increase of over 100% compared to 2000. Special Advance ballots were up over 380% compared to 2000. Early voting increased almost 50% over 2000. Federal write in ballots increased from 6 in 2000, to 801 in 2004.
- In accordance with the National Voter Registration Act and state law, the Division moved over 24,000 voters to inactive status.
- Verified over 100,000 signatures for initiative and recall petitions.

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**Elections**  
**RDU Financial Summary by Component**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2004 Actuals				FY2005 Management Plan				FY2006 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b><u>Formula Expenditures</u></b>												
None.												
<b><u>Non-Formula Expenditures</u></b>												
Elections	1,952.2	0.0	0.0	1,952.2	4,429.8	0.0	625.9	5,055.7	2,135.5	0.0	103.5	2,239.0
Financial Disclosure Office	261.6	0.0	0.0	261.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,213.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,213.8</b>	<b>4,429.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>625.9</b>	<b>5,055.7</b>	<b>2,135.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>2,239.0</b>

**Elections**  
**Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component**  
**From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2005 Management Plan</b>	<b>4,429.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>625.9</b>	<b>5,055.7</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Elections	-2,365.6	0.0	-439.4	-2,805.0
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>				
-Elections	0.0	0.0	-83.0	-83.0
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Elections	71.3	0.0	0.0	71.3
<b>FY2006 Governor</b>	<b>2,135.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>2,239.0</b>