
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

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State Election Fund

Purpose and History

The State Election Fund was established in 2003 as a coordinating fund to receive and disburse federal moneys made available to states by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Interest earned on the moneys was allowed to be maintained within the Fund. The principal from the HAVA funds expired in approximately FY 2012.

In addition to federal dollars, the Fund also receives County Maintenance Fees. There are currently 2.1 million registered voters in Iowa, and counties are required to pay \$0.165 per registered voter for the actual cost of the services (Iowa Code section 47.8(4)). This fee is reviewed by the Iowa Voter Registration Commission by January 15 of each calendar year. The last fee increase went into effect July 1, 2016.

The HAVA moneys and the County Maintenance Fees have been used to maintain the State election system, including statewide voter registration, election reporting, election equipment maintenance, voting accessibility, and election training.

Funding

The amount of ongoing revenue deposited in the Fund comes from the County Maintenance Fees and is approximately \$300,000 per year. Annual expenditures from the Fund are used for vendor maintenance fees and software licenses for the I-VOTER system.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [47](#)

More Information

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