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AGENCY CODE:	E280	SECTION:	102

Fiscal Year 2020–2021 Accountability Report

SUBMISSION FORM

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following online forms:

- Reorganization and Compliance
- Strategic Plan Results
- Strategic Plan Development
- Legal
- Services
- Partnerships
- Report or Review

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency’s budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

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Reorganization and Compliance Responses:

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Agency Mission

The mission of the State Election Commission is to ensure every eligible citizen has the opportunity to register to vote and participate in fair and impartial elections with the assurance that every vote will count.

Adopted in: 2006

Agency Vision

The State Election Commission will conduct secure, fair and impartial elections through the management of resources along with the use of innovative strategies and technologies to reflect the will of the electorate in South Carolina

Adopted in: 2016

Recommendations for reorganization requiring legislative change.

No

Please list significant events related to the agency that occurred in FY 2020-2021.

Month Started	Month Ended	Description of Event	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts
November	November	General Election	None	

Does the agency intend to make any other major reorganization to divisions, departments, or programs to allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently in FY 2021-22?

Note: It is not recommended that agencies plan major reorganization projects every year. This section should remain blank unless there is a need for reorganization.

No

Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 2-1-220, which requires submission of certain reports to the Legislative Services Agency for publication online and the State Library? See also S.C. Code Ann. § 60-2-20.

Yes

If not, please explain why.

Is the agency in compliance with various requirements to transfer its records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? See the Public Records Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 20-1-10 through 20-1-180) and the South Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 26-6-10 through 26-10-210).

Yes

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Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?

Yes

Please list the law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations.

S.C. Code § 7-5-155; S.C. Code § 7-5-185; S.C. Code § 7-5-186; S.C. Code § 7-13-325; S.C. Code § 7-13-610; S.C. Code § 7-13-611; S.C. Code § 7-13-1400; S.C. Code § 7-13-1490; S.C. Code § 7-15-10; S.C. Code § 7-15-260; S.C. Code § 7-15-650; S.C. Code § 7-15-690

Has the agency promulgated any regulations?

Yes

Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-22-120(J), which requires an agency to conduct a formal review of its regulations every five years?

Yes

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AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Elections are the foundation that supports and protects every citizen's freedoms. The South Carolina State Election Commission (SEC) exists to protect those freedoms by ensuring the security and integrity of our election infrastructure. Our mission is to ensure every eligible citizen has the opportunity to register to vote and participate in fair and impartial elections with the assurance that every vote will count.

Conducting elections is a technologically and legally complex profession, subject to exceptional scrutiny by voters, candidates, media, the legal community, activists, and voter advocacy groups. This requires everyone involved in the elections process, whether at the municipal, county, or state level, to possess a wide variety of core competencies including technological, logistical and management skills, as well as a high level of election experience and expertise.

While state and local election officials share in the responsibility of conducting elections, the SEC, as the chief election agency in the state, is responsible for overseeing the overall voter registration and election process. Specifically, the agency is tasked with:

- Maintaining the statewide voter registration system
- Supporting the statewide voting system
- Supervising 46 county boards of voter registration and elections
- Performing audits and post-election analyses of county boards of registration and elections
- Assisting with county operations if a county election office fails to comply with state and federal law or SEC policies and procedures; or if a county is unable to certify election results in a timely manner
- Conducting a training and certification program for local election officials
- Conducting candidate filing and providing a candidate tracking system

Everything we do as an agency – our programs and projects – emanates from these responsibilities. The primary goal is to provide the highest level and quality of service possible within these mandates.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Continued Operations and the Conduct of Elections in the COVID-19 Pandemic

The SEC worked from the outset of the pandemic following rules and guidelines from State Human Resources, the Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to ensure continuity of operations while protecting the health and safety of agency employees, county election officials, poll workers and voters. This included educating employees on COVID-19, providing employees the resources necessary to work from home, and taking measures to help ensure the safety of employees working in the SEC office. While some employees were initially able to work from home, the office remained open; and by August, all employees were working in the office preparing for the 2020 General Election.

The SEC worked to overcome unique challenges for the conduct of elections created by the pandemic. South Carolina elections require voters to gather in large numbers at polling places – something public safety and health officials encourage people not to do during a pandemic. The SEC took numerous steps to help protect the right to vote and the health and safety of voters and poll managers.

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- Raised awareness with the S.C. General Assembly and the Governor’s Office of the unique challenges associated with conducting an election in a pandemic and provided options to help mitigate those challenges.
- Implemented temporary measures taken by the General Assembly to expand absentee voting opportunities for voters.
- Provided counties with:
 - Online COVID-19 poll manager training
 - Poll manager supplies to aid in applying social distancing principles and cleaning common surfaces in polling places.
 - Masks, face shields and gloves for poll managers.
 - Sneeze guards for polling place check-in stations.
 - Hand sanitizer for voters and poll managers.
 - Cotton swabs for making selections on touchscreens.
 - Additional ballot-marking devices and scanners to help facilitate social distancing and process increase in absentee-by-mail ballots.
 - Ballot-marking device carts to help facilitate social-distancing in the curbside voting process.
- Assisted counties with poll manager recruitment.
- Sent postcards to voters whose polling places had changed due to the pandemic.
- Educated voters on their voting options and encouraged voters to wear a face mask, bring their own pen for signing the poll list, and to practice social distancing at the polling place.

2020 General Election

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, extraordinary efforts by voters, poll managers and election officials led to a successful Statewide General Election on November 3, 2020. State and county election officials along with our valuable agency partners worked tirelessly under unprecedented circumstances to adjust to new voting laws and enact plans to provide safe and accessible registration and voting opportunities for every citizen.

Following a poll manager shortage in the June 2020 Statewide Primaries, the SEC actively campaigned to help county election officials recruit new managers. As a result, more than 20,000 South Carolinians volunteered to serve as poll managers in the 2020 General Election. Amidst a pandemic, these new and experienced managers, attended training, wore personal protective equipment, applied social distancing, and kept polling places operating in a safe and efficient manner.

The statewide, paper-based voting system was used for the first time in a general election adding an additional layer of security to the election process. Every voter voted a paper ballot, and hand count audits of those paper ballots verified the accuracy of ballot scanners. New electronic poll books were implemented for first use in a statewide election, which among other benefits, all but eliminated the possibility of poll manager errors leading to voters receiving incorrect ballots.

County boards of voter registration and elections opened more in-person absentee locations than ever before. In-person absentee voting rates more than doubled, and absentee by mail rates tripled over previous record years. As a result, for the first time ever, a majority of voters cast their ballots

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prior to election day. Overall, more voters than ever before voted in the 2020 General Election. Voters were able to vote quickly and efficiently, and election officials were able to count votes and report totals in a timely manner. Pandemic-related procedures and the expansion of absentee voting were successful in protecting voters and election officials. The tireless and unprecedented efforts of the SEC, county election officials, and poll managers resulted in the best general election in history under the worst circumstances.

2020 General Election by the Numbers

Absentee Voting

- Total – 1,334,000 – New record (503,000 in 2016 GE)
- Percentage of Total Turnout – 53% – New record (24% in 2016 GE)
- In Person – 893,000 – New record (370,000 in 2016 GE)
- By Mail – 441,000 – New record (147,000 in 2016 GE)

Election Day

- Total – 1,199,000
- Percentage of Total Turnout – 47% – Record low (76% in 2016 GE).

Total Turnout

- 2,533,000 – New record (2,124,000 in 2016 GE).
- Percentage of Registered Voters – 72% – 2nd highest in 25 years (76% in 2008 GE).

Election Security

Protection of South Carolina’s critical election infrastructure remained a top priority during FY2021. Elections face numerous threats from a wide variety of actors with various motives. The agency is committed to taking all reasonable measures to further enhance the state’s election security posture. Major achievements in this fiscal year include:

- The new, statewide paper-based voting system used for the first time in a statewide general election. The system provides another layer of security by having a paper record of every voter’s voted ballot that can be used for audits. Hand count audits of paper ballots verified scanners were tabulating accurately. At the end of FY2021, the SEC was developing additional audit programs.
- The SEC took steps to combat the spread of misinformation, disinformation and malinformation (MDM) harmful to the election process. The SEC works to establish its communication channels as trusted sources of election information, to educate the public on using only trusted sources, to disseminate accurate and timely information to the public, and to take actions to counter the spread of specific MDM.
- Agency website moved to .gov domain. This change will help maintain the public’s trust in the information and services provided through the site.
- The SEC worked to continue expansion of county network sensors on county networks. In partnership with the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED), the SEC works to deploy network sensors on county networks throughout the state.

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The SEC continues working with a broad-based team of federal, state, and private cybersecurity, law enforcement and intelligence professionals to ensure the agency takes every prudent measure to enhance the security and resilience of the state election infrastructure. These partnerships provide a multitude of resources and services including:

- Network scanning and monitoring
- Cyber and physical risk and vulnerability assessments
- Remediation
- Information sharing
- Response support
- Security training
- Advice on strengthening our security posture

The SEC continues to improve its security posture by adding layers of security to address changes in the environment and the emergence of new technologies and threats. Taking all reasonable measures to bolster the security and resilience of the state’s election infrastructure will remain a top priority for the agency.

Voter Education and Outreach

The SEC continued to reach out and educate voters on all aspects of voter registration and elections, including COVID-19-related information. In FY2021, the agency continued its award-winning “No Excuse SC” voter education initiative. The campaign asks, “What’s your excuse, South Carolina?” and drives home the answer – there is no good excuse not to register and vote because both are easy to do. The campaign’s objectives are to:

- Encourage voter registration
- Inspire voter turnout
- Recruit poll managers
- Prepare voters for election day
- Establish the SEC as a trusted source of election information

The agency uses a microsite (NoExcuseSC.gov) as a hub for online voter services and information. When citizens arrive at NoExcuseSC.com they can quickly find the service or information they are looking for, and when they click a link, they go directly to the applicable page of the agency’s main site, scVOTES.gov. Overall, the goal of the SEC’s voter education initiatives is to help ensure voters are informed about the requirements, processes, procedures, and deadlines associated with voter registration and voting in South Carolina. Communication channels include educational brochures, posters, videos, outreach at public events, a voter education website (scVOTES.gov), social media messaging, and a statewide traditional media campaign.

KEY OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES

Election Security

One of the agency’s top priorities is working to ensure all reasonable measures are taken to improve and protect the security and resilience of the state’s election infrastructure. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security designated election systems as critical infrastructure in January 2017. The SEC has applied considerable resources to hardening both the state’s voting and voter registration systems by applying

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testing, assessments, and technological and human resources. The development of an unprecedented security partnership of state, federal and private security professionals as well as state and federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies was launched to improve protection of the state’s election infrastructure during this period.

The most substantial and challenging threat in 2020 was the spread of misinformation, disinformation and malinformation (MDM) about the administration of elections.

- Misinformation is false, but not created or shared with the intention of causing harm.
- Disinformation is deliberately created to mislead, harm, or manipulate a person, social group, organization, or country.
- Malinformation is based on fact, but used out of context to mislead, harm, or manipulate.

Whether intentional or not, the spread of MDM threatens to disrupt the public’s trust in elections and impact the ability of individual voters to effectively exercise the franchise. The SEC works to combat the spread of MDM in various ways.

- Promotes election officials as the trusted source of information
- Drives voters directly to SEC information channels
- Ensures voters are getting accurate election information
- Openly communicates plans, procedures, and processes
- Avoids actions that would unintentionally amplify or spread disinformation
- Educates voters to rely on trusted sources and to not share unverified information

Our elections continue to face threats that challenge the agency’s cyber and physical security initiatives. The SEC has been proactive through partnerships with federal, state, private, and local entities. However, the need to adapt to the every-evolving security environment along with the need to train local election officials and harden local infrastructure is a major challenge that the agency continues to address. Implementation of new auditing programs, deployment of county network scanners, security training, assessments, testing, and remediation are all ongoing security challenges facing the SEC moving into FY2022.

Long Term Impact of Emergency COVID Funding

Additional Voting Equipment

COVID funds were used to purchase additional ballot-marking devices and scanners for county boards of voter registration and elections. The additional equipment helped counties open additional in-person absentee voting sites, apply social distancing at polling places, and process record-breaking absentee by mail ballots. This additional equipment will continue to benefit the state in the future in the same ways as well as helping reduce potential lines at polling places, helping account for growth, and ensuring counties have back-up equipment that can be deployed to address election day issues.

Statewide Electronic Poll Books

COVID funds were used to purchase a statewide, uniform electronic poll book system (EPB) for county boards of voter registration elections. This helped reduce contact in the polling place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The state and county boards will continue to benefit from the EPB in various ways:

- Ensures voters receive correct ballot

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- Simplifies check-in process for voters and poll managers
- Reduces lines
- Reducing the time and resources necessary to process voter participation data
- Improves accuracy and security of the voter registration list

Additional Auditing Programs

At the end of FY2021, the SEC received approval for FY2022 funding to establish new voting system audit programs. The SEC plans to add an independent results verification process in which every ballot cast in all statewide elections will be re-tabulated using a third-party system to verify voting system results. In addition to third-party verification, we also plan to establish some level of risk-limiting audits (RLAs). An RLA uses a statistically significant, random sample of voted ballots to manually examine for evidence that the originally reported outcome is correct. We believe these additional audits will provide voters and election officials even greater confidence in the integrity of our elections.

Election Legislation

To improve voter registration and elections in South Carolina, the SEC recommends the General Assembly consider legislative changes to address the following issues.

- Uniform Voter Registration Deadline – Voter registration deadlines currently vary depending on the method of registration. This is confusing to voters and to election officials and voter advocates. Amendments to various sections of the S.C. Code of Laws are needed to establish a uniform deadline for all methods of voter registration.
- Early Voting – Early voting will improve the election experience for every South Carolinian by making voting more convenient and by reducing wait times at polling places on election day. In addition, early voting would greatly reduce the time necessary to process paper absentee ballots.
- Uniform Rules for Municipal Elections – Establishing uniform municipal election dates, candidate filing and certification deadlines, and protest deadlines would greatly benefit voters, candidates, and election officials.
- Voting System-Related Legislation – Seventeen years have passed since elections have been conducted using paper ballots. The paper-based voting systems of today differ greatly from those of the past. Various updates are needed to make the operation of the state’s modern paper-based voting system more efficient.
- Update Referendum Laws – Statutory changes could help alleviate concerns regarding the requirement that the full text of extremely long referendum questions appear on general election ballots. In addition, current laws require antiquated language in referendum questions that is inconsistent with current voting methods.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES

The most negative impact on the public would be an event that causes the loss of public confidence in the election process. The election process is comprised of various laws, policies, procedures, people, places, and systems. The election systems most critical to the Agency are the statewide voter registration system and the statewide voting system. A failure or compromise of either of these systems would have the potential to cause a statewide failure to register voters and conduct fair and accurate elections.

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The SEC works with federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies, other S.C. state agencies, and private security vendors daily to manage, monitor, and secure South Carolina’s election infrastructure. These efforts include identifying ways to increase the security of all agency networks, public facing websites, and both the voter registration and voting system used in our state.

The SEC does not have the capabilities or resources to protect the State’s election infrastructure alone. The nature and level of outside help would depend on the type of threat or vulnerability. The agencies listed below would be called upon to assist in identifying and addressing security threats and vulnerabilities which have the potential to impact the Agency’s ability to conduct voter registration and elections.

- S.C. General Assembly
- S.C. Governor’s Office
- S.C. Department of Administration
- S.C. Law Enforcement Division
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Justice
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center
- Election Infrastructure Information Sharing & Analysis Center
- County governments & law enforcement
- County boards of voter registration and elections
- S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles
- S.C. Department of Social Services
- S.C. Department of Health & Human Services
- S.C. Department of Health & Environmental Control
- S.C. Department of Mental Health
- S.C. Commission for the Blind
- S.C. Department of Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Services
- S.C. Department of Disabilities & Special Needs
- S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department

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Following are five risks in the election process that can be mitigated by action of the General Assembly:

- 1) While the SEC has limited supervisory authority over county boards of registration and election through SC Code of Laws §7-3-20 (C) (1-2) and §7-3-25, uniformity remains a challenge. There are several examples of ongoing challenges that pose risks to the conduction of elections uniformly across the state:
 - Per §7-5-10, county board members are appointed by the governor on the recommendation of each county delegation. The boards, in turn, appoint a director for their county office. County offices are funded by county appropriations, hired according to county human resources policies and procedures, operate in county office space using county office equipment, and are entirely county departments. While the offices are county offices and the staff are county staff, many county administrations (including county council members) believe and have stated publicly that county election offices are state offices. There are several county attorneys that refuse to give legal advice to, or represent, county election board members for the same misunderstanding, despite SEC guidance on the issue—which is that county offices are county departments.
 - While the voting system and electronic poll book systems are uniformly used across the state, county election offices often use various other vendors and services without the SEC’s knowledge or consent, therefore weakening the state’s election critical infrastructure. In one instance, prior to the 2020 general election, a county ordered an envelope opener and sorter that came with signature verification software. The SEC notified the county that state law currently does not allow for signature verification of absentee ballot envelopes. A federal lawsuit on the matter reenforced the SEC’s interpretation of state law but revealed that counties are not conducting election processes uniformly.

Legislation filed by members of the General Assembly last fiscal year sent a clear message that uniformity in elections is a priority and the SEC agrees. The SEC welcomes any legislation that would allow the agency to ensure all county election offices are getting the support they need to succeed and the oversight necessary to guarantee elections are being conducted uniformly across the state.

- 2) Long lines at polling places create a barrier and impact a voter’s ability to vote. The SEC will continue working with the General Assembly to strengthen the election process by reducing wait times at polling places. Absentee-by-mail and absentee-in-person voting are critical to removing this barrier. Due to temporary voting measures passed by the General Assembly prior to the 2020 primary and general elections, this was not an issue in 2020. However, this will be an issue in 2022.
- 3) The current voting system produces a paper record of every ballot. The use of paper ballots has impacted election officials’ ability to process absentee ballots in a timely manner, as election officials are required to challenge each in-person absentee ballot and open and tabulate absentee by mail ballots by 9am on election day. By law, this process cannot begin until 9:00 a.m. on election day.

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Absentee voting has increased exponentially over the past 15 years. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, 27% of absentee voters voted by mail. In the 2020 Statewide Primaries, 66% voted by mail. In the 2020 General Election, 53% of votes cast were absentee. For several years, the SEC has been reporting a steadily increasing trend towards absentee voting; now, absentee voting is the clear voting method for the vast majority of S.C. voters. This means that election officials will be using a modern voting system designed for in-person voting, but following antiquated absentee voting laws, all while processing more paper ballots than ever before.

The General Assembly attempted to mitigate these problems by passing S.635. First, this legislation requires in-person absentee ballots to be challenged at the time they are cast, instead of until 9:00 a.m. on election day when the ballot envelope opening process begins. Second, the law also allows absentee ballots to be opened and processed beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the day before an election. However, this legislation was passed before COVID-19 became a pandemic in this state and both provisions sunset at the end of 2021. The General Assembly could alleviate these issues by making these temporary changes permanent law.

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Budget Responses:

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			FY 2020-21 Expenditures (Actual)				FY 2021-22 Expenditures (Projected)			
State Funded Program Number	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	General	Other	Federal	TOTAL	General	Other	Federal	TOTAL
0100.010000.000	Administration	This program provides finance, accounting, budget, procurement, human resources, and similar services to the agency.	\$1,012,544.00	\$51,599.00		\$1,064,143.00	\$563,869.00	\$279,700.00		\$843,569.00
0501.100000X000	Help America Vote	The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) was established in 2002 to improve federal elections. These funds are provided to improve the administration of elections for federal office, including enhancing election technology and make security improvements to address persistent cyber and physical security threats to election systems, offices, and staff.		\$3,982,530.00	\$6,883,372.00	\$10,865,902.00				
2000.010000.000	Voter Services	This program includes three main components: supporting statewide voter registration system, statewide voting system to include election database production and information technology/cybersecurity. Division staff provide database and ballot layout assistance to county and municipal election commissions, provide counties with election support services and technical assistance related to statewide voting system; and provides election security oversight and guidance to county offices.	\$1,069,542.00			\$1,069,542.00	\$1,426,005.00		\$5,413,977.00	\$6,839,982.00
2000.150000X000	Hava Federal Match	These funds are provided to improve the administration of elections for federal office, including enhancing election technology and make security improvements to address persistent cyber and physical security threats to election systems, offices, and staff. Federal appropriations laws mandate that states provide a 20% of amounts awarded.	\$5,000,000.00	\$10,465,645.00		\$15,465,645.00				

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State Funded Program Number	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	General	Other	Federal	TOTAL	General	Other	Federal	TOTAL
2502.000000.000	Public Information/Training	This program administers a mandatory statewide training and certification program for county and municipal election officials; provides ongoing training events and workshops; provides a poll manager training program and materials; educate the public on the voter registration and election process; and provides information regarding elections and agency activities to voters and the general public.	\$469,422.00	\$10,418.00		\$479,840.00	\$231,610.00	\$35,000.00		\$266,610.00
3003.000000.000	Distribution To Subdivisions	This programs provides stipends to county board members as per Proviso 102.1	\$452,467.00			\$452,467.00	\$533,000.00			\$533,000.00
3500.050000X000	Statewide Primaries/General Election	This program assists with the conduction of primaries, general elections, and special primaries and, when necessary, any subsequent protests or appeals; insures the quality of the election process and the faith and trust the voting public has in the integrity of elections in South Carolina.	\$4,639,202.00	\$2,271,798.00		\$6,911,000.00	\$4,230,000.00	\$1,200,000.00		\$5,430,000.00
3500.100000X000	Special Primaries	This program assists with the conduction of special primaries and, when necessary, any subsequent protests or appeals; insures the quality of the election process and the faith and trust the voting public has in the integrity of elections in South Carolina.		\$99,729.00		\$99,729.00		\$100,000.00		\$100,000.00
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	This program encompasses all the fringe benefits associated with all program positions. These benefits include health and dental insurance, retirement, workers compensation and unemployment compensation benefits	\$508,629.00	\$49,829.00		\$558,458.00	\$572,929.00	\$26,000.00		\$598,929.00
9800.300000X000	Presidential Preference Primary	These program funds are used to conduct Presidential Preference Primaries (PPP's) in general election years.	\$667,218.00			\$667,218.00				
9807.120000X000	Voting System (Transferred From Election Commissio	New voting system funds carryforward (funds used to complete the new system)	\$2,408,450.00			\$2,408,450.00				

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Description	Purpose	Law Number	Jurisdiction	Type	Notes
Disallows states from denying individuals with disabilities equal opportunity to participate in public service, activity or program of a public entity	Requires a manner of delivery	42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.	Federal	Statute	Americans With Disabilities Act
Requires states to allow qualified service members and overseas citizens to register and vote absentee, to use electronic communications for sending election materials to such voters, and to send absentee ballots to such voters at least forty-five days prior to the election	Requires a service	52 U.S.C. § 20301 et seq.	Federal	Statute	Uniformed Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, Military and Overseas Empowerment Act
Disallows states from: applying different standards to people within same jurisdiction when determining qualifications to vote; denying right of individual to vote in any federal election due to immaterial application omission; employing literacy tests as a qualification for voting	Requires a manner of delivery	52 U.S.C. §§ 10101 et seq.	Federal	Statute	Voting Rights Act of 1965
Requires states to have registration offices and polling places that are accessible to voters with disabilities and voters sixty-five and older	Requires a manner of delivery	52 U.S.C. §§ 20101 et seq.	Federal	Statute	Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act
Requires states to provide the opportunity to register to vote at certain agencies, provide voter registration by mail, and conduct list maintenance activities	Requires a service	52 U.S.C. §§ 20501, et seq.	Federal	Statute	National Voter Registration Act of 1993
Requires states to implement programs and procedures regarding provisional voting, voting information, updating and upgrading voting equipment, establishing statewide voter registration databases, voter identification and administrative complaints	Requires a service	52 U.S.C. §§ 20901-21145	Federal	Statute	Help America Vote Act
Act temporarily amending various sections in Title 7 related to absentee voting	Requires a manner of delivery	Act 133 of 2020	State	Statute	Absentee voting process for upcoming elections
Provides guidelines for disbursing aid to county stipend for county voter registration and elections board members	Distribute funding to another entity	Proviso 102.1	State	Proviso	County board member stipends
Allows HAVA match funds to be placed into an account that allows interest to be accrued on the funds, for funds to be carried forward and used for special primaries, runoffs, and elections, and to reimburse local government entities for expenses incurred in prior fiscal associated with special primaries, runoffs, and general elections.	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Proviso 102.10	State	Proviso	
Allows SEC to transfer up to \$200,000 from funds appropriated for the conduct of elections to other operating accounts upon approval by the Executive Budget Office, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Proviso 102.11	State	Proviso	
In the event additional HAVA funds become available, authorizes SEC to use funds appropriated for primary and general elections for voting system refurbishment to provide match for federal funds.	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Proviso 102.12	State	Proviso	

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Requires SEC to submit report to General Assembly by August 1, 2021, on number of election fraud investigations conducted regarding November 2020 election	Report our agency must/may provide	Proviso 102.14	State	Proviso	
Provides amount of pay and number of days of training/working for county poll managers	Distribute funding to another entity	Proviso 102.2	State	Proviso	Poll manager pay
Provides additional compensation for State Board of Canvassers members to attend required hearings/appeals following elections	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Proviso 102.3	State	Proviso	Additional compensation for State Board of Canvassers members to attend hearings/appeals
Provides authority to spend revenue generated from Sale of List Program and allows SEC to carry forward any amounts in the account at end of the fiscal year	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Proviso 102.4	State	Proviso	
Exempts funds appropriated for recurring and non-recurring general and primary election expenses from mandated across the board reductions and excludes these amounts from the agency's base budget when calculating base reductions	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Proviso 102.5	State	Proviso	
Allows SEC to spend filing fees received from candidates filing to run in the statewide primaries for the conduct of the statewide primaries and to carry forward any amounts in those accounts at the end of each fiscal year. Also allows the SEC to use filing fee funds to pay for Presidential Preference Primaries when necessary.	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Proviso 102.6	State	Proviso	
Requires county board of voter registration and election members to complete the SEC's training and certification program, and at least one additional class per year. Allows SEC to charge for training classes, and to retain and spend up to \$35,000 to help cover the cost to provide the training. Allows the SEC to carry forward any balance in the account at fiscal year end. Requires the SEC to withhold the stipend of any non-compliant board members, and to notify county legislative delegation of the withholding and the requirements to bring the member into compliance. Requires county legislative delegation to remove non-compliant board member if not compliant within 18 months of initial notification of non-compliance.	Requires a manner of delivery	Proviso 102.7	State	Proviso	
Allows the SEC to deduct 10% from any county election reimbursement requests that are more than 30 days past the date of the election for which reimbursement is being requested. Also allows the SEC to deduct 10% from any county reimbursement requests not submitted in the Statewide Voter Registration Election Management System (VREMS). Allows SEC to spend funds in current fiscal year to reimburse counties for expenditures incurred in previous fiscal year.	Requires a manner of delivery	Proviso 102.8	State	Proviso	
Requires the SEC to carry forward unexpended Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds into next fiscal year and to expend the funds for HAVA	Funding agency deliverable(s)	Proviso 102.9	State	Proviso	
Requires SEC to notify President of Senate and Speaker of House within 24 hours of receipt of service of complaint challenging validity of election law, policy, or manner in which election conducted	Report our agency must/may provide	Proviso 117.191(D)	State	Proviso	

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Requires the SEC to furnish a jury list to county jury commissioners	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 14-7-130	State	Statute	Jury lists
Establishes the duty of the SEC to conduct a training and certification program for municipal officials	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 5-15-90	State	Statute	Training and certification program for municipal officials
Establishes that the SEC must accept certain candidate filings for certain offices, including statements of intention of candidacy, party pledges, and filing fees	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-11-15	State	Statute	Candidate filing
Requires the SEC to conduct presidential preference primaries for certified political parties receiving at least five percent of the popular vote	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-11-20	State	Statute	Presidential preference primaries
Establishes that the SEC consider an affidavit submitted by a candidate who wishes to withdraw from an election for a legitimate nonpolitical reason	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-11-50	State	Statute	Consideration of candidate withdrawals for nonpolitical reasons
Establishes that the SEC should accept petitions for certain offices containing the signatures of at least five percent of the qualified registered electors of the office's geographical area.	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-11-70	State	Statute	Acceptance of candidate petitions
Instructs the SEC to furnish petition forms to county election officials and certain interested persons	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-11-80	State	Statute	Furnishing petition forms
Provides that the SEC must accept notification from counties of unofficial election results	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-1160	State	Statute	Acceptance of unofficial election results from counties
Requires the SEC to approve all optical scan voting systems to be used in elections.	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-1330	State	Statute	Approval of optical scan ballots
Provides requirements for the SEC to use when approving vote recorders and optical scan voting devices.	Requires a manner of delivery	S.C. Code § 7-13-1340	State	Statute	
Provides that the SEC shall prepare the form and arrangement of ballot labels.	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-1360	State	Statute	Preparation of form and arrangement of ballot labels
Provides that the SEC must establish the form of a sign to be displayed in any polling place using an optical scanning device	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-1371	State	Statute	Establish form of sign displayed in polling place using optical scanning device
Requires the SEC to specify the form of the ballot in connection with write-in votes.	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-1380	State	Statute	Specify form of ballot with respect to write-in votes
Establishes that the SEC must prescribe certain requirements regarding vote recorders	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-1390	State	Statute	See legal description
Allows the agency to promulgate regulations and instructions, and design forms, necessary to carry out laws governing vote recorders	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-1490	State	Statute	See legal description
Establishes the duty of the SEC to conduct primaries for federal offices, state offices, offices included in more than one county, countywide and less than countywide offices, special purpose districts and the ability to use filing fees paid by candidates to pay for the primaries.	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-15	State	Statute	Conduct of party primaries
Establishes that SEC must approve and certify all voting systems for use in SC	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-1620	State	Statute	Approval/certification of voting systems
Authorizes SEC to adopt one voting system for State	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-1655	State	Statute	Adoption of statewide voting system

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Requires that the Executive Director serve on a Constitutional Ballot Commission	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	S.C. Code § 7-13-2120	State	Statute	SEC Executive Director serves on Constitutional Ballot Commission
Establishes the duty of the SEC to direct the size and color of the ballot.	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-320	State	Statute	Ballot format
Allows the agency to promulgate regulations relating to the use of a candidates name, derivative thereof or nickname on the ballot	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-325	State	Statute	Regulations regarding candidate names appearing on ballot
Establishes the duty of the SEC to print and deliver ballots for elections for presidential electors, state officers, US Senators and members of Congress to county boards of voter registration and elections	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-340	State	Statute	Printing and delivery of ballots for certain elections to county boards
Establishes duty to place political party nominees on general election ballot who are certified in writing by parties	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-350	State	Statute	Placement of certified political party nominees on general election ballot
Establishes that the SEC must place a nominee by petition on the appropriate ballot.	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-351	State	Statute	Placement of nominee by petition on appropriate ballot
Establishes the requirement of the SEC to conduct party primaries and place filing fees in a special account designated for use in conducting primaries	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-40	State	Statute	Conduct of party primaries
Requires the SEC to arrange and classify proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot.	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-410	State	Statute	Arrangement and classification of proposed constitutional amendments on ballot
Requires the Executive Director to contract with a printer for the printing of official ballots.	Requires a manner of delivery	S.C. Code § 7-13-420	State	Statute	
Establishes the duty of the SEC to establish regular candidate filing hours and publish notice of candidate filing	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-45	State	Statute	Establish and publish notice of regular candidate filing hours
Establishes the requirement of the SEC to hold a second primary when necessary	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-50	State	Statute	Conduct of second primaries, when necessary
Establishes the duty of the SEC to prepare separate ballots for each political party holding a primary	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-610	State	Statute	Preparation of separate ballots for each party holding primary
Allows the agency to promulgate regulations regarding the arrangement of official county and state primary ballots	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-611	State	Statute	Regulations regarding arrangement of official county and state primary ballots
Requires the SEC to furnish a poll list to the appropriate election officials.	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-710	State	Statute	Furnishing poll lists to election officials
Establishes the duty of the SEC to develop a training program for poll managers	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-13-72	State	Statute	Training program for poll managers
Allows the agency to promulgate regulations for electors to vote by absentee ballot	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-15-10	State	Statute	Regulations for voting by absentee ballot
Allows the agency to promulgate regulations for ensuring UOCAVA voters are sent absentee ballots by the required forty-five day deadline	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-15-10	State	Statute	Regulations for timely transmission of UOCAVA ballots
Establishes duty of SEC to establish procedures and forms for absentee voting	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-15-10	State	Statute	Establish forms and procedures for absentee voting
Requires the SEC to establish and distribute a form application for an absentee ballot	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-15-340	State	Statute	Establish and distribute form application for absentee ballot

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Allows the SEC to promulgate regulations for the implementation of UOCAVA voters voting absentee	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-15-405	State	Statute	Regulations for UOCAVA absentee voting
Requires ballots to be sent to qualified electors under UOCAVA at least forty-five day prior to any election	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-15-406	State	Statute	Deadline for sending UOCAVA ballots
Allows the agency to promulgate regulations to ensure that UOCAVA voters have the opportunity to receive and cast ballots	Requires a manner of delivery	S.C. Code § 7-15-460	State	Statute	
Requires the SEC to develop standards and guidelines for a voting system or machine to count absentee ballots	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-15-470	State	Statute	See legal description
Requires the SEC to constitute the State Board of Canvassers	Not related to agency deliverable	S.C. Code § 7-17-210	State	Statute	
Requires the State Board of Canvassers to convene a meeting to canvass the votes for all officers, constitutional amendments, questions and other issues voted during any general election	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-17-220	State	Statute	Canvassing of votes
Gives the State Board of Canvassers the power to adjourn for a period of time until certified statements for the election of electors for President and Vice President have been received	Requires a manner of delivery	S.C. Code § 7-17-230	State	Statute	
Requires the State Board of Canvassers to make a statement of the number of votes at an election and certify statement to be correct	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-17-240	State	Statute	Certified statement of votes cast
Requires the State Board of Canvassers to declare candidates elected and hear appeals from county boards of canvassers	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-17-250	State	Statute	State Board of Canvassers declares candidates elected and hears appeals from county boards
Provides the election protests that the State Board of Canvassers must hear	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-17-260	State	Statute	Election protests heard by State Board of Canvassers
Provides the timeline for the State Board of Canvassers to hear appeals	Requires a manner of delivery	S.C. Code § 7-17-270	State	Statute	
Requires the State Board of Canvassers to order a recount in a general election when the difference between the number of votes for a candidate, constitutional amendment, question or other issue is not more than one percent of the total votes cast	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-17-280	State	Statute	Mandatory recounts
Requires the State Board of Canvassers to make and subscribe a certificate of determination on the results of the general election	Report our agency must/may provide	S.C. Code § 7-17-290	State	Statute	Certificate of determination of general election results
Establishes the date and time that the State Board of Canvassers must meet to declare the results of primaries and runoffs	Requires a manner of delivery	S.C. Code § 7-17-510	State	Statute	
Requires the State Board of Canvassers to meet and hear appeals from county boards	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-17-70	State	Statute	State Board of Canvassers hears appeals from county boards
Establishes guidance for the State Board of Canvassers when a candidate dies after filing a protest	Requires a manner of delivery	S.C. Code § 7-17-710	State	Statute	
Requires Executive Director to furnish at a reasonable price any precinct lists to a qualified elector requesting them	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-3-20	State	Statute	Sale of lists program
Requires Executive Director to furnish each county board of voter registration and elections with a master list of all registered voters in the county at least ten days prior to each election	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-3-20	State	Statute	County voter registration lists

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Requires the executive director to conduct audits, reviews, and post-election analyses of county boards of voter registration and elections	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-3-20	State	Statute	Audits, reviews, post-election analyses of county boards
Requires the executive director to maintain a complete master file of all qualified electors by county and precincts and delete the names of electors who satisfy certain conditions under the law	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-3-20	State	Statute	Voter list maintenance
Establishes the Executive Director as the chief state election official responsible for implementing and coordinating the State's responsibilities under the NVRA	Requires a manner of delivery	S.C. Code § 7-3-20	State	Statute	
Establishes the Executive Director as the individual responsible for implementing and enforcing the state's responsibilities under UOCAVA	Requires a manner of delivery	S.C. Code § 7-3-20	State	Statute	
Establishes the supervisory authority of the Executive Director over the county boards of voter registration and elections	Requires a manner of delivery	S.C. Code § 7-3-20	State	Statute	
Establishes the authority of the Executive Director as the chief administrative officer for the SEC appointed by the Commission	Not related to agency deliverable	S.C. Code § 7-3-20	State	Statute	
Establishes authority of SEC to determine and certify results of an election if County Board of Voter Registration and Elections is unable to certify by statutorily mandated time	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-3-25	State	Statute	Certification of election results if County Board unable to timely certify
Establishes the authority of the Executive Director to recommend corrective action plan for non-compliant County Board of Voter Registration and Election members	Requires a manner of delivery	S.C. Code § 7-3-25	State	Statute	
Requires the Executive Director to notify by mail each elector whose name has been deleted for the reason of conviction or change in the residence of a qualified voter	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-3-30	State	Statute	Notification by mail to voters removed from registration list
Establishes the duty of the SEC to conduct a training and certification program for county board members	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-5-10	State	Statute	Training and certification program for county board members
Establishes the requirement of the SEC to notify the Governor of any member of a county board of registration and elections that fails to meet the training and certification program requirements	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-5-10	State	Statute	Notify Governor of county board members who fail to meet training and certification requirements
Requires the SEC to provide the form by which county boards notify any person who registers to vote and is found qualified to vote	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-5-125	State	Statute	Provide form used by county boards to notify persons who register and are deemed qualified to vote
Requires the SEC to furnish voter registration application forms to county boards of voter registration and elections	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-5-155	State	Statute	Provide voter registration application forms to county boards
Allows the agency to promulgate regulations relating to registration of electors by mail	Requires a manner of delivery	S.C. Code § 7-5-155	State	Statute	
Requires the SEC to allow a citizen with a SC Driver's License or DMV ID Card to submit an application for voter registration electronically on the SEC's website	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-5-185	State	Statute	Online voter registration
Establishes the duty of the SEC to keep, maintain and administer a statewide voter registration database	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-5-186	State	Statute	Statewide voter registration database

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Establishes the SEC as the agency to which an individual may file a complaint regarding interference with the right to register or decline to register to vote or privacy regarding the decision to register to vote at a voter registration agency	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-5-310	State	Statute	Receipt of complaints filed regarding interference with voter registration rights and protections
Establishes the duty of the SEC to remove a qualified elector from the official list of eligible voters on the grounds that the elector has changed residence.	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-5-330	State	Statute	Removal of voter from official list of eligible voters due to change in residence
Establishes duties of the SEC with respect to removing names from the official list of eligible voters	Requires a manner of delivery	S.C. Code § 7-5-340	State	Statute	
Establishes the requirement of the state to defray the expenses of personnel in keeping the county board office open for voter registration	Distribute funding to another entity	S.C. Code § 7-5-40	State	Statute	See legal description
Establishes the duty of the Executive Director to prepare duplicate registration books for each ward or precinct for every county	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-5-660	State	Statute	Preparation of duplicate registration books for each ward/precinct
Requires SEC to certify and decertify political parties under certain conditions	Requires a service	S.C. Code § 7-9-10	State	Statute	Certification of political parties

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Services Responses:

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Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted By the Service	Agency unit providing the service	Description of agency unit	Primary negative impact if service not provided
Provides financial services to include Aid to County stipend funds provided to county boards of voter registration and elections board members; also provides reimbursements to the county boards of voter registration and elections for expenses incurred for the conduct of elections throughout the state.	County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections	County Government		Administration	Oversees the Agency's policies and procedures, provides leadership, support, financial services, and other related administrative services	
Provides jury lists to US Federal Court, 46 county clerks of court, 46 magistrates and municipal clerks of court to be used for the jury selection process.	Federal courts, state courts, magistrates, municipal courts	Judicial Branch		Administration	Oversees the Agency's policies and procedures, provides leadership, support, financial services, and other related administrative services.	
Provides Sale of List information as requested by individuals, organizations, candidates, and political parties.	General public, candidates, political parties, researchers and other individuals and organizations	General Public	Voters	Administration	Oversees the Agency's policies and procedures, provides leadership, support, financial services, and other related administrative services.	
Voter Services provides database and ballot layout assistance to county boards of voter registration and elections and to municipal election commissions; provides counties with election support services and technical assistance related to the statewide voting system; provides ongoing maintenance and security of the statewide voter registration system; provides election security oversight and guidance to counties; provides ongoing assistance and guidance to counties and conducts audits to ensure county compliance with state and federal laws; ensures counties comply with verification procedures to ensure accuracy of unofficial election results.	County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections	County Government	Voters	Voter Services	Voter Services is tasked with providing ongoing support, security and privacy services to the 46 county boards of voter registration and elections and to the citizens of South Carolina.	
Delivers technology, security and privacy related services and solutions to the 46 county boards of voter registration and elections and to all citizens of South Carolina who are registered to vote in the Statewide Voter Registration and Election Management System (VREMS).	General Public	General Public	County Government	Voter Services	Voter Services is tasked with providing ongoing support, security and privacy services to the 46 county boards of voter registration and elections and to the citizens of South Carolina.	

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Educates the public on the voter registration and election process and provides information regarding elections and agency activities; provides assistance and guidance to candidates filing to run for office in South Carolina.	General Public	General Public	County Government, Candidates, Political Parties	Public Information/Training	Public Information/Training provides training and certification to the 46 county boards of voter registration and elections and provides public information services as it relates to the conduct of elections in South Carolina.	

Agency Partnerships Responses:

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Name of Partner Entity	Type of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership
Federal agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Department of Defense, Election Assistance Commission, and Federal Election Commission	Federal Government	The SEC works with these agencies to ensure that federal laws and guidelines are followed and to provide military and overseas citizens the opportunity to register and vote.
South Carolina General Assembly	State Government	The SEC works with the General Assembly to ensure that state laws are followed regarding the conduct of elections and to provide input for recommended legislative changes.
Department of Administration and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division	State Government	The SEC works with these state agencies to protect South Carolina's election infrastructure.
Other State Agencies such as DSS, DHEC, DDSN, Commission for the Blind, Voc Rehab, DMH, DMV, DAODAS, Protection and Advocacy	State Government	The SEC works with other state agencies to ensure that individuals are provided the opportunity to register to vote when offered services at those agencies.
County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections	Local Government	The SEC works with the county boards of voter registration and elections to ensure fair and impartial elections for all citizens of South Carolina.
Municipal Election Commissions	Local Government	The SEC provides mandated training and works with the county municipal election commissions to ensure fair and impartial elections for all citizens of South Carolina.
Political Parties	Non-Governmental Organization	The SEC provides information and guidance regarding the election process.
Candidates/Elected Officials	Individual	The SEC provides information and guidance regarding the election process.
Special Interest and Advocacy Groups	Non-Governmental Organization	The SEC works with special interest and advocacy groups to provide voter education to their constituents and to improve the voting process.
News Media	Private Business Organization	The SEC provides accurate and timely information to the media which is relative to the election process in South Carolina.
Various Election Related Service Providers	Private Business Organization	The SEC works with various private businesses to obtain election related services.

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Reports Responses:**

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Report Name	Law Number (If required)	Summary of Information Requested in the Report	Most Recent Submission Date	Reporting Frequency	Type of Entity	Method to Access the Report	Direct access hyperlink or agency contact
Accountability Report	September 15, 2021	Report on agency performance, goals, and objectives.	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on agency's website	www.scvotes.gov	www.scvotes.gov
Agency Debt Collection Report	February 26, 2021	Reports the amounts of outstanding debt and all methods used to collect debt.	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact State Election Commission	www.scvotes.gov
Agency Fines and Fee Report	September 1, 2021	Agency fees and fines collected.	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on agency's website	www.scvotes.gov	Contact State Election Commission
Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagement		Reports the results of the agreed-upon procedures audits performed by the Office of the State Auditor of the State Election Commission	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	www.osa.sc.gov	Contact State Election Commission
EEO Progress Report	October 2021	Report on agency's hiring progress required by Proviso 117.14 of Appropriations Act (Affirmative Action).	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact State Election Commission	Contact State Election Commission
FY 20-21 Budget Plans		Compilation of agency planned funding and expenditure requests for the upcoming fiscal year	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	www.admin.sc.gov/budget	Contact State Election Commission
IT Planning and Data Collection		This report gathers information to aid with IT planning.	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact State Election Commission	Contact State Election Commission
MBE Progress Report	January, April, July and October	Reports agency minority-owned business spending progress in furtherance of the MBE utilization plan.	Quarterly	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact State Election Commission	Contact State Election Commission
MBE Utilization Plan	September 2021	Pursuant to SC Code §11-35-5240, it is the agency's goal to spend certain percentage of the fiscal years operating income with small and minority-owned businesses.	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact State Election Commission	Contact State Election Commission
Other Funds Survey	October 31, 2021	This report gathers information about agency other funds to be used when writing the budget.	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact State Election Commission	www.osa.sc.gov
Payroll Report	Each pay period	Reports agency's gross payroll and number of employees	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact State Election Commission	Contact State Election Commission

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Procurement Report	January, April, July and October	Reporting on various procurements by the agency.	Quarterly	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact State Election Commission	Contact State Election Commission
Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance		Annual Audit of Federal Programs	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	www.osa.sc.gov	www.osa.sc.gov
Wage & Contribution Report	January, April, July and October	Reports wages of covered employees for unemployment insurance.	Quarterly	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact State Election Commission	www.admin.sc.gov/budget
Year-end Reporting Packages		Financial information to be used for compilation of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact State Election Commission	Contact State Election Commission