



Board of Elections FY 2026 Budget Overview

Budget & Policy Analysis

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Agenda

Department Overview

Strategic Focus

General Fund

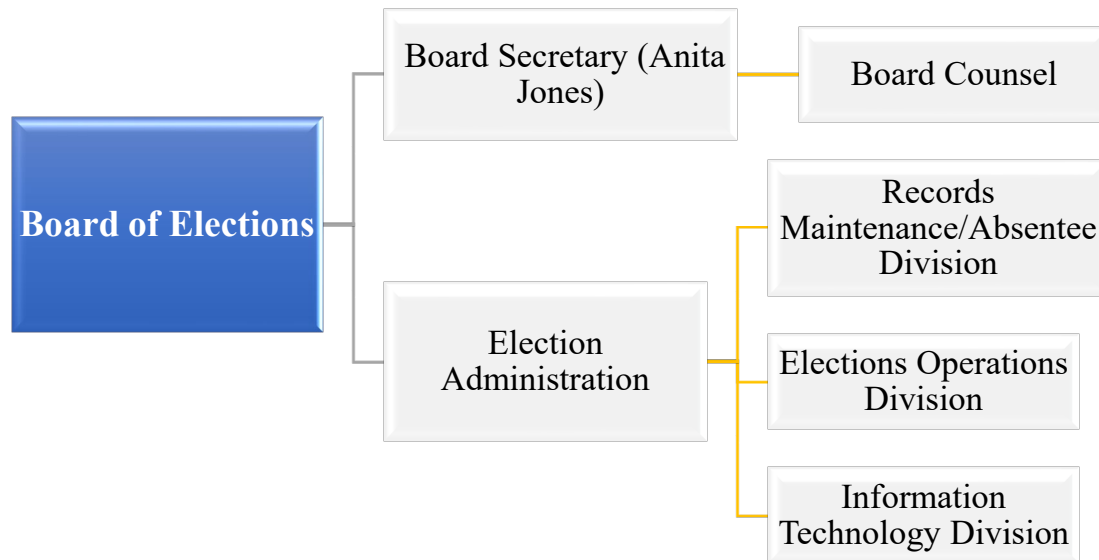
Election Staffing

Facilities

Programmatic Updates

Department Name: Board of Elections

Wendy N. Honesty-Bey
Elections Administrator



Mission

- **Provides election services to County citizens in order to ensure registered voters are able to vote in accordance with federal, State, and County laws.**

Core Services

Assisting customers with voter registration

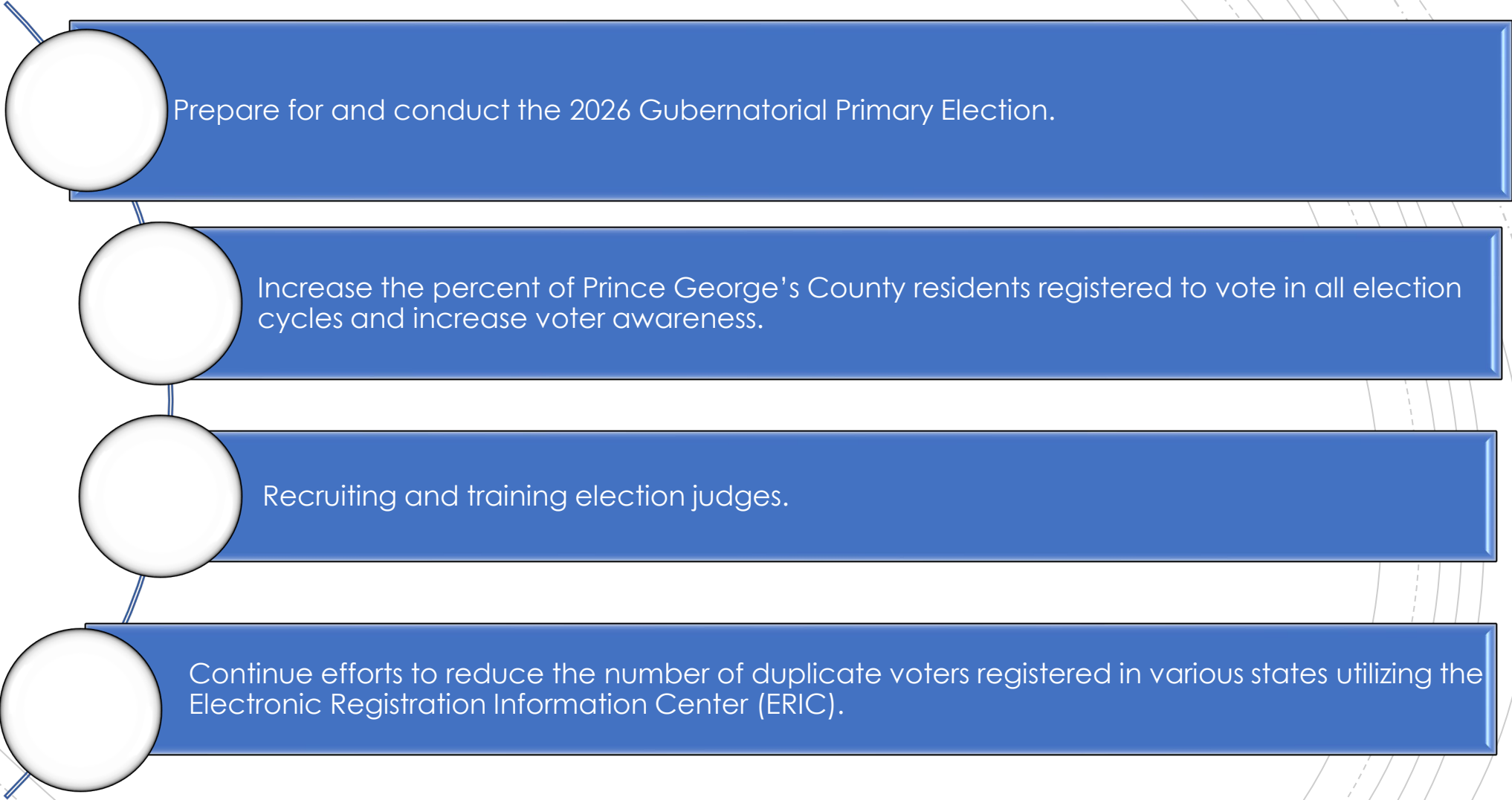
Voter Awareness

Preparing for & conducting the Gubernatorial & Presidential Elections

Canvassing of ballots

Certifying election results

Strategic Focus FY 2026



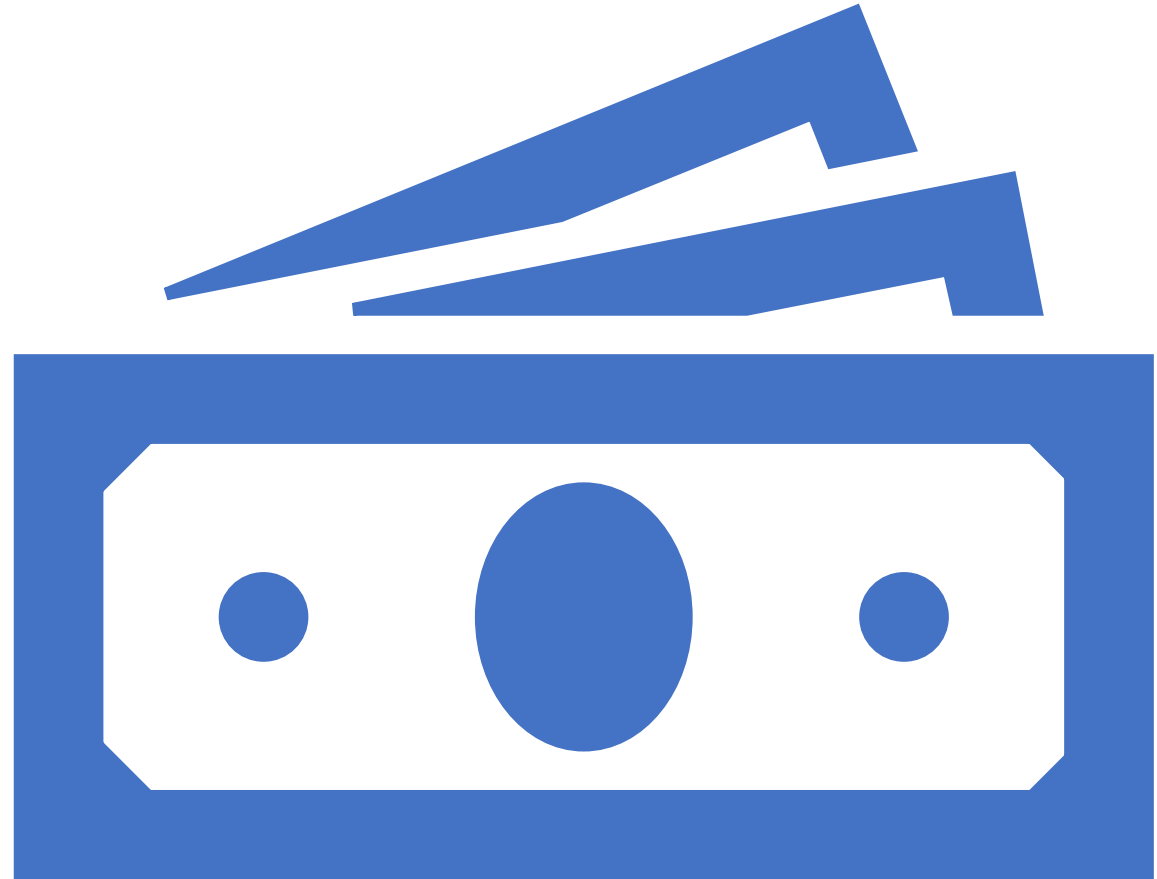
Prepare for and conduct the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election.

Increase the percent of Prince George's County residents registered to vote in all election cycles and increase voter awareness.

Recruiting and training election judges.

Continue efforts to reduce the number of duplicate voters registered in various states utilizing the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).

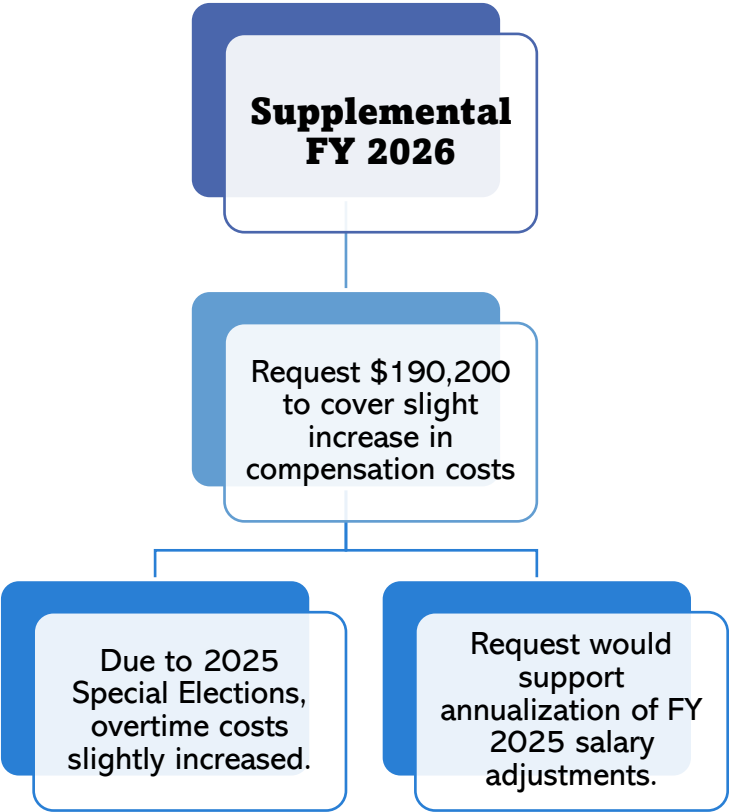
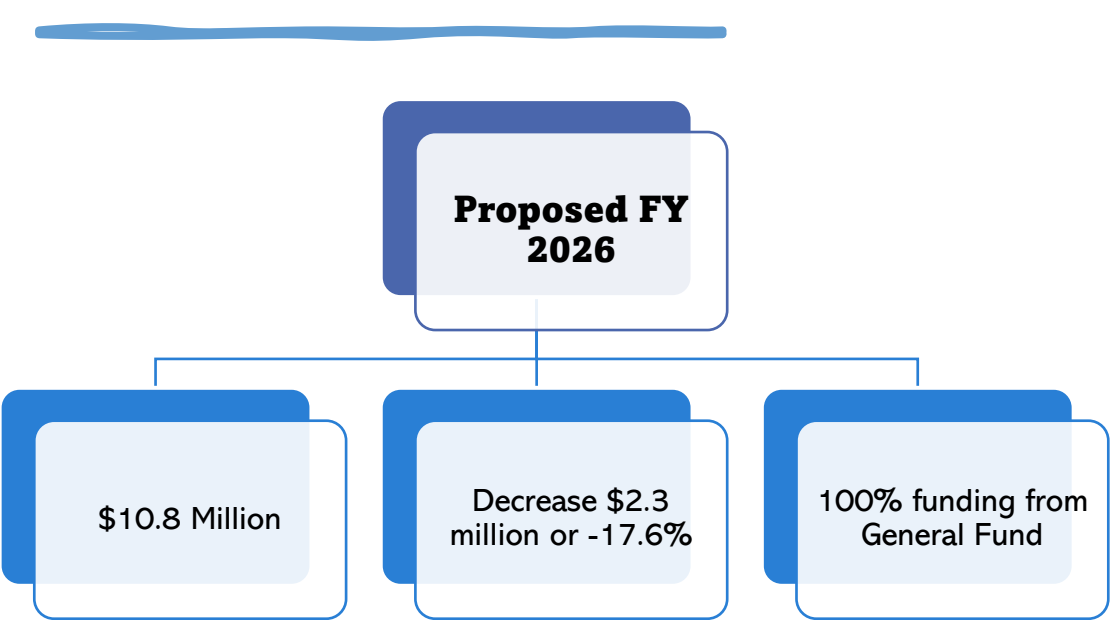
GENERAL FUND



FY 2026 BUDGET SUMMARY

Expenditures by Category - General Fund

Category	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Proposed	Change FY25-FY26	
					Amount (\$)	Percent (%)
Compensation	\$8,491,944	\$7,924,700	\$9,996,100	\$7,678,900	\$(245,800)	-3.1%
Fringe Benefits	738,458	1,028,800	1,028,800	1,141,700	112,900	11.0%
Operating	2,842,433	4,157,200	2,276,000	1,985,200	(2,172,000)	-52.2%
Capital Outlay	—	—	—	—	—	—
SubTotal	\$12,072,835	\$13,110,700	\$13,300,900	\$10,805,800	\$(2,304,900)	-17.6%
Recoveries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$12,072,835	\$13,110,700	\$13,300,900	\$10,805,800	\$(2,304,900)	-17.6%



GENERAL FUND OVERVIEW

**+\$7.68 Million
COMPENSATION**

**Mandated
salary
requirements**

**Fund General
Clerk 4G
position**

**-\$352,500
Decrease in
compensation**

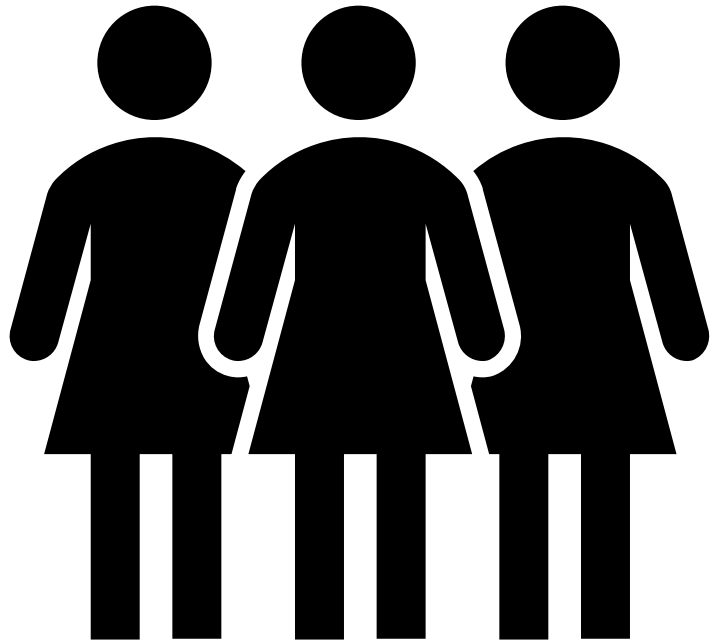
-\$2.2 Million OPERATING

**Net decreases for telephone, printing,
advertising, training, and equipment
rental to align with projected costs**

**Due to decrease in operating contracts
to align with projected costs.**

+\$112,900 Fringe Benefits

Increase to align with projected costs



ELECTION STAFFING

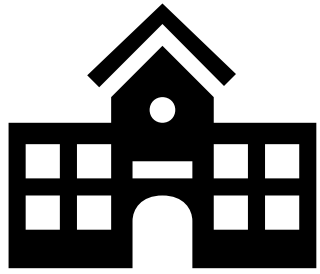
ELECTION STAFFING

Temporary Election Staff

Election Temporary Employees			
Descriptions	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimated	FY 2026 Projected
Early Voting Election Judges (eight days)	22	22	22
Election Day Election Judges	3,800	3,500	3,480
Closing Judges	252	252	240
Election Day Recruiters	8	8	6
Election Day Technicians	150	150	150
Election Day Telephone Operators	25	20	15
General Clerks, Voter Registration, Absentee Ballot Data Entry, Data Coordinators, Voting Unit Programmers	80	80	79
Department of Environment Staff Drivers	30	30	25
Deputy Sheriffs	11	2	2
Canvass Workers	30	60	45
Board of Canvass	9	9	9
Total	4,417	4,133	4,073

FACILITIES

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Facility Update

- The Board secured one additional location in Suite 135 at 1100 Mercantile Lane
- Space used for 2024 Presidential General Election, canvassing, and election judge training

PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES

Operational & Fiscal Impact

FY 2025 Special Election

FY 2025 Special Election	Expenditure for Primary	Expenditure for General
Council At-Large	\$2.1M	This was combined with the 2024 Presidential General Election
Council District Five	Combined with the County Executive Race	Combined with the County Executive Race
County Executive	\$2.1M	\$2.1M

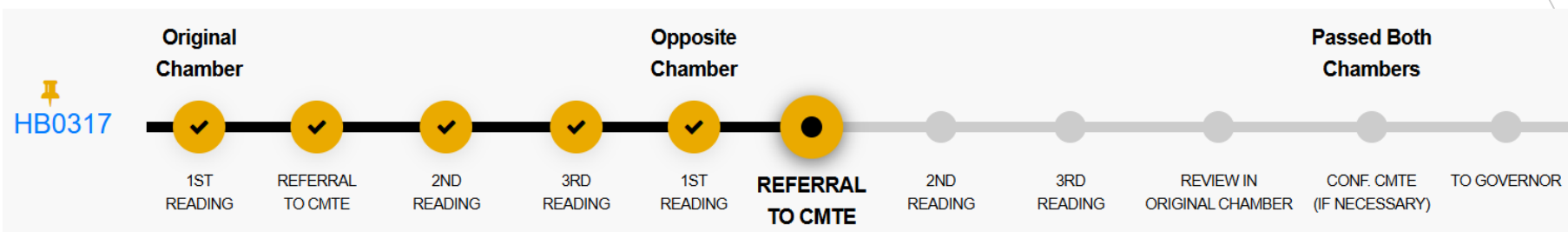
Operational & Fiscal Impact Cont.

State Legislation

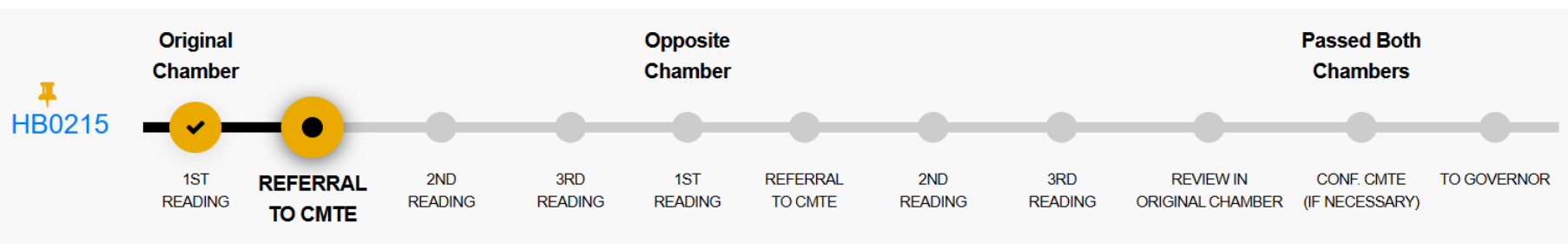
- **HB0317 – Curbside Voting – Pilot Program**
 - Significant fiscal impact
 - Additional staff, election judges, and potentially new polling places needed.
 - Possibly need outdoor tents, additional voting equipment, lighting, generators, etc.
- **HB0215 – Ranked-Choice Voting – Presidential Nomination**
 - Increase in expenditures to pay canvassers and tabulate results.
- **HB1200 – Election Judges – Minimum Compensation (Enacted/Approved during 2023 Session)**
 - Cost the Board \$349,400/per fiscal year. Incorporated into budget approved.

Operational & Fiscal Impact Cont.

HB0317 – Curbside Voting – Pilot Program



HB0215 – Ranked-Choice Voting





THANK YOU



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