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ERIE COUNTY
Board of Elections
134 West Eagle Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Ralph M. Mohr, *Commissioner*
Dennis E. Ward, *Commissioner*

September 5, 2012

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Erie County Board of Elections Budget Revisions
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum and proposed resolution requesting authorization to make adjustments within the Erie County Board of Elections' 2012 Budget.

The Board will utilize funds to purchase a new ballot printer and will receive federal aid reimbursement via New York State.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If your Honorable Body requires further information, kindly contact the Board of Elections and we will be happy to accommodate your request.

Sincerely,

Ralph M. Mohr
Commissioner

Dennis E. Ward
Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
FROM: Board of Elections
RE: 2012 Budget Revisions
DATE: September 5, 2012

SUMMARY

The proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum request authorization to make adjustments to the 2012 Erie County Board of Elections budget to allow for the purchase of a new ballot printer.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for requested revisions are available within the 2012 Budget and the purchase of the ballot printer will be reimbursed by the State of New York through a federal grant. The County receives 95% federal aid reimbursement and the County is required to make a 5% matching payment. The County has previously made its 5% match payment, and all funds expended for this purchase will be reimbursed at 100%.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION & BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires the replacement of lever voting machines with electronic voting systems. Title III, Subtitle, A of the Act provides the standards for such systems. The new ballot printer is necessary in order to produce the appropriate ballots to be used with the County's electronic voting system.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Board of Elections may experience difficulties in executing the November 2012 elections.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Board will work with the Division of Budget and Management to make the necessary adjustments to the 2012 Budget. After purchase of the printer, the appropriate claim will be submitted through New York State to recover the 100% reimbursement from the Federal government.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE
ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

RE: Erie County Board of Elections 2012 Budget Revisions

WHEREAS, the Federal legislation Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires the replacement of lever voting machines with electronic voting systems; and

WHEREAS, such electronic voting systems must use a very specific paper ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Board of Elections desires to purchase a ballot printer for this purpose; and

WHREAS, the purchase of the printer is eligible for 100% reimbursement from the Federal government through the State of New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is granted for the Board of Elections to purchase a ballot printer in the amount of not to exceed $45,112.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Elections will submit necessary paperwork for federal reimbursement of approximately $45,112.00 or 100% of the purchase price of the printer, through the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby granted to the Division of Budget and Management to make the following adjustments to the 2012 Budget of the Board of Elections:

Fund 110, Fund Center 1500020, Board of Elections

Revenue		Increase/(Decrease)
Account 414010	Federal Aid-Other	$45,112.00

Appropriations		Increase/(Decrease)
Account 561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	$45,112.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that two (2) certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Elections, one (1) certified copy be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the County Attorney's Office and the Division of Purchase.