

State of Ohio
Board of Tax Appeals

Role and Overview

The Board of Tax Appeals (BTA) reviews and determines questions of law and fact in the administration of the tax laws of the state and its municipalities. This process includes an extensive mediation program.

The Board of Tax Appeals hears and determines appeals from three areas: final determinations by the Tax Commissioner of any preliminary, amended, or final tax assessment, reassessment, valuation, determination, finding, computation, or order; decisions of the 88 county boards of revision relating to real property taxes; and actions of the 88 county budget commissions.

The effect of the Board of Tax Appeals' decisions on revenue for the state and its political subdivisions is considerable as reflected in the fiscal year 2004 year-end statistics:

- \$5.3 billion was in controversy from real property valuations
- \$2.3 billion was in controversy from determinations of the Tax Commissioner
- 1,868 new appeals were filed during the year
- 2,309 appeals were terminated during the year
- 1,566 appeals remained in active status

The board is a quasi-judicial body comprised of three members appointed by the Governor for six-year terms. The board has a staff of 20 headed by the secretary to the board and has an annual budget of approximately \$2.2 million. More information regarding the Board of Tax Appeals is available at <http://www.bta.ohio.gov/>.

Executive Priorities for the Board of Tax Appeals

- Review and determine questions of law and fact in the administration of the tax laws of the state and its municipalities.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	2,274	2,120	1,994	2,117	6.2	2,155	1.8	2,211	2.6
General Services Fund Group	1	0	0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	2,275	2,120	1,994	2,117	6.2	2,155	1.8	2,211	2.6

(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
Personal Services	2,141	1,985	1,852	1,977	6.7	2,013	1.8	2,069	2.8
Purchased Services	19	18	22	20	(10.7)	20	.0	20	.0
Maintenance	112	114	108	118	9.0	120	1.6	120	.0
Equipment	4	3	1	3	198.5	2	(23.1)	2	.0
Transfer & Other	0	0	9	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	2,275	2,120	1,994	2,117	6.2	2,155	1.8	2,211	2.6

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PROGRAM SERIES 01: Resolution of Tax Appeals

The Board of Tax Appeals hears and determines appeals to resolve questions of law and fact relating to the administration of the tax laws of the state and its municipalities. The board lessens the burden on the state's court system and reduces the time and cost associated with hearing tax cases.

Program 01.01: Hearing and Determination Process

The Board of Tax Appeals reviews all new appeals to determine whether mediation may be appropriate, and as a result diverts a majority of new appeals to mediation. Approximately 90 percent of the appeals diverted for mediation are successfully mediated and terminated. For cases not appropriate for mediation, or those in which mediation is unsuccessful, the board conducts an evidentiary hearing and resolves the appeal in that manner.

What the Budget Buys:

- Allows the board to maintain its existing level of operations, which included the determination of over 2,300 appeals in fiscal year 2004.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	116-321	Operating Expenses	2,155,055	2,211,035
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				2,155,055	2,211,035

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Tax Appeals

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	116-100	Personal Services	5,418	0	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
GRF	116-200	Maintenance	9,019	0	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
GRF	116-300	Equipment	2,066	0	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
GRF	116-321	Operating Expenses	2,257,759	2,120,282	1,993,512	2,117,466	2,155,055	1.8	2,211,035	2.6
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			2,274,262	2,120,282	1,993,512	2,117,466	2,155,055	1.8	2,211,035	2.6
439	116-602	Reproduction of Decisions	1,206	0	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			1,206	0	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL Board of Tax Appeals			2,275,468	2,120,282	1,993,512	2,117,466	2,155,055	1.8	2,211,035	2.6