

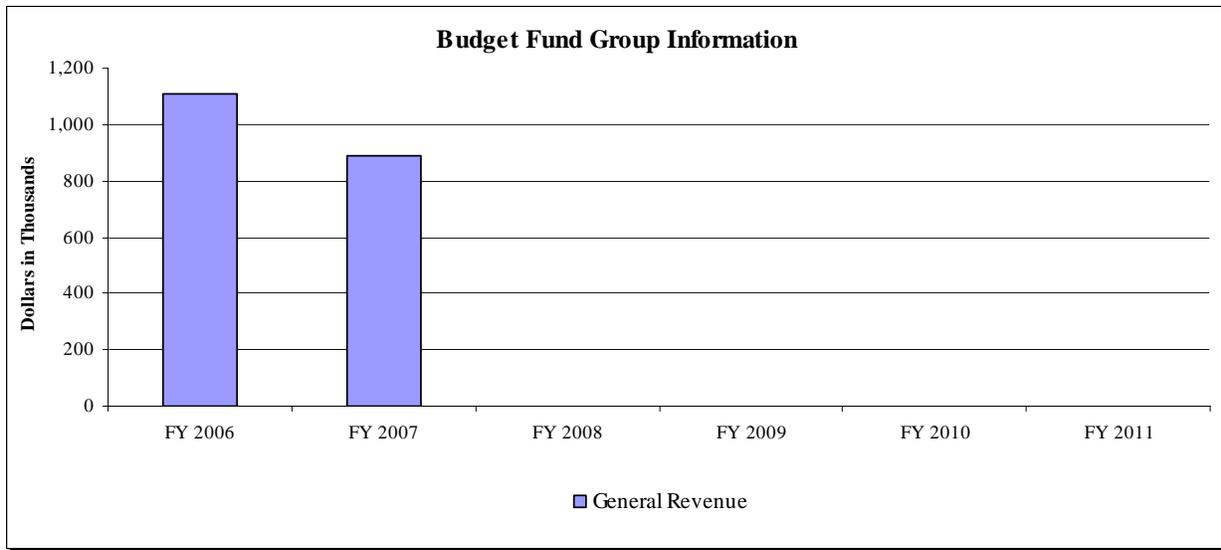
Role and Overview

The Ballot Board (OBB) prescribes and certifies ballot language for proposed constitutional amendments, initiatives, and referenda. The board also oversees the efforts of the Secretary of State to inform registered voters of the purpose and effect of proposed ballot issues.

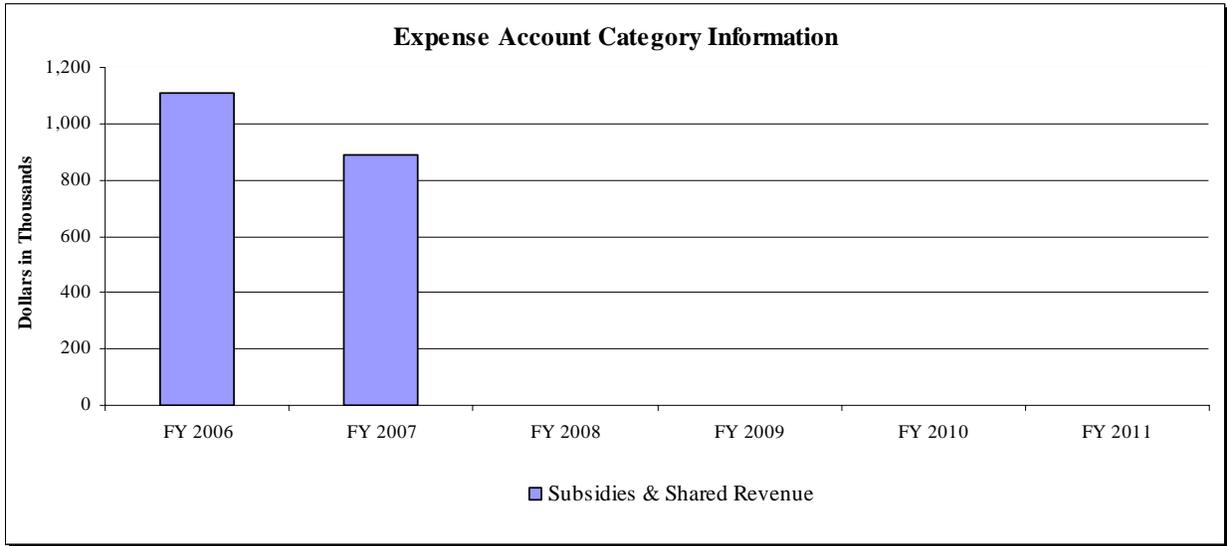
The Secretary of State chairs the board. There are four other members, each appointed by the Senate President and Senate Minority Leader, as well as the Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader. The board convenes before any statewide issue is placed on the ballot.

The Secretary of State’s Office provides the professional, technical, and clerical support for the Ballot Board.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



(In Thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			EST. FY 2009	% CHANGE FY 08-09	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008			FY 2010	% CHANGE	FY 2011	% CHANGE
General Revenue	1,107	891	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTAL	1,107	891	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0



(In Thousands) EXPENSE ACCOUNT CATEGORY	ACTUAL			EST.	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 08-09	FY 2010	% CHANGE	FY 2011	% CHANGE
Subsidies & Shared Revenue	1,107	891	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TOTAL	1,107	891	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Ballot Board

The Ohio Ballot Board prescribes ballot language for proposed amendments to the Ohio Constitution and, in certain instances when the requisite arguments or explanations have not been timely prepared, must prepare the arguments or explanations or designate a group of persons to do so. Funding prior to FY 2007 was provided for via transfer from the Controlling Board for reimbursement of ballot advertising expenses incurred by each of the 88 counties. Changes made in H.B. 119 and subsequent legislation has transferred the responsibility for statewide ballot advertising from the counties to the Secretary of State’s Office.

Program 01.01: Ballot Advertising

This program prescribes ballot language for proposed amendments to the Ohio Constitution and, in certain instances when the requisite arguments or explanations have not been timely prepared, must prepare the arguments or explanations or designate a group of persons to do so. Direct funding is not provided to support this program; however, the Secretary of State’s office provides technical and administrative assistance to support its activities.

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Ballot Board

FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 ACTUAL	FY 2009 ESTIMATE	FY 2010 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2011 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	052501	Ballot Advertising Reimbursement	1,107,156	891,388	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL General Revenue			1,107,156	891,388	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL Ballot Board			1,107,156	891,388	0	0	0	.0	0	.0