



Louisiana Senate Finance Committee



FY27 Executive Budget

04E - Public Service Commission

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Senator Glen Womack, Chairman*



FY27 Recommended Budget

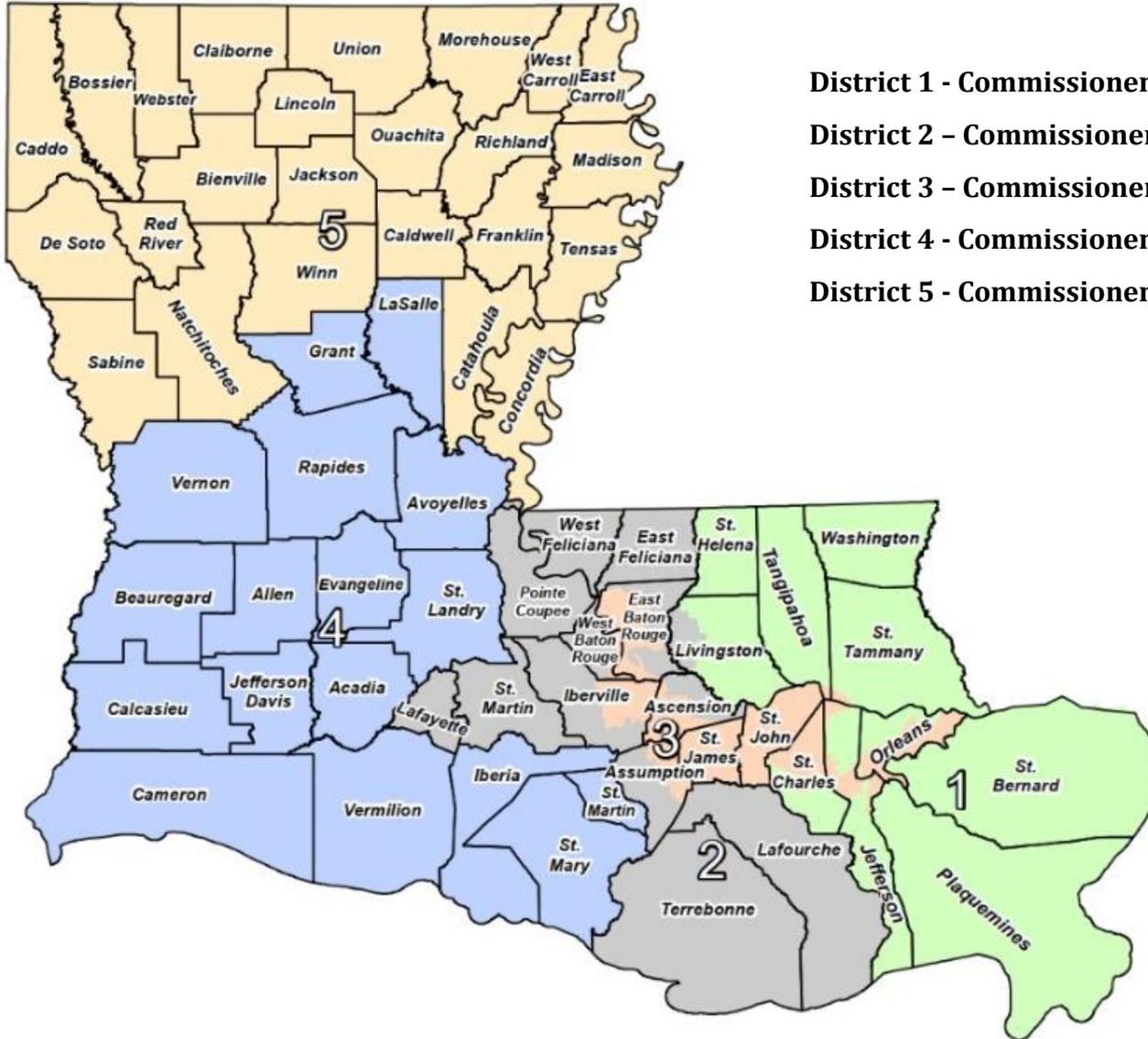
Schedule 04-158 — Public Service Commission

The Public Service Commission's mission is to impartially, equitably, and efficiently regulate the rates and services of public utilities and common carriers operating in the State so as to ensure safe, reliable, and reasonably priced services for consumers; to provide a fair rate of return for the regulated utilities and common carriers; and to carry out legislative mandates, such as "Do Not Call" regulations.

| Agency | Program Description |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Administrative | Provides executive leadership for fiscal, legal, IT, and general support functions; provides the oversight necessary for efficient operation of the Commission resulting in achievement of the department's overall mission of regulating public utilities and common carriers; and administers the Do Not Call Program. |
| Support Services | Reviews, analyzes, and investigates rates and charges filed before the Commission with respect to prudence and adequacy of those rates; manages the progress of adjudicatory proceedings; conducts evidentiary hearings in an impartial, fair, professional and orderly manner; and makes rules and recommendations to the Commissioners which are just and generate the highest degree of public confidence in the Commission's integrity and fairness. |
| Motor Carrier Registration | Provides fair and impartial regulations of intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire. |
| District Offices | Provides accessibility and information to the public on regulation as it applies to the services provided to the consumer. |



04-158 Public Service Commission District Offices



District 1 - Commissioner Eric Skrmetta

District 2 - Commissioner Jean-Paul Coussan

District 3 - Commissioner Davante Lewis

District 4 - Commissioner Mike Francis

District 5 - Commissioner Foster L. Campbell





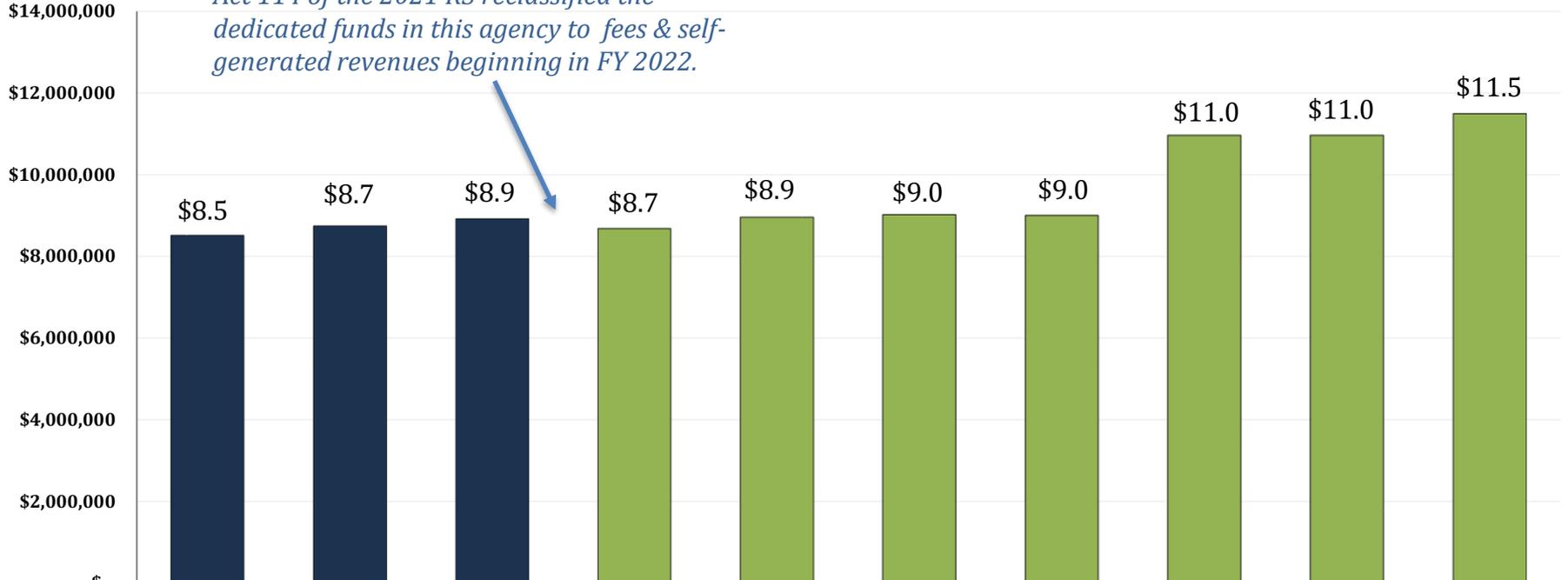
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Changes in Funding since FY19

Total Budget by Fiscal Year and Means of Finance (in \$ millions)

Change from FY19 to FY27 is 35.2%.
(Actual to Recommended)
Change from FY19 to FY25 is 5.9%.
(Actual to Actual)

Act 114 of the 2021 RS reclassified the dedicated funds in this agency to fees & self-generated revenues beginning in FY 2022.



| | FY19 Actual | FY20 Actual | FY21 Actual | FY22 Actual | FY23 Actual | FY24 Actual | FY25 Actual | FY26 Enacted | FY26 as of 12-1-2025 | FY27 Recommended |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------|
| ■ SGF | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| ■ IAT | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| ■ FSGR | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$8,665,256 | \$8,941,821 | \$9,006,803 | \$8,991,159 | \$10,952,836 | \$10,952,836 | \$11,475,339 |
| ■ STAT DED | \$8,489,064 | \$8,720,583 | \$8,897,193 | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- |
| ■ FED | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- | \$- |



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FY27 Recommended Budget Statewide Adjustments

| State General Fund (Direct) | Interagency Transfers | Fees and Self-generated Revenues | Statutory Dedications | Federal Funds | Total | T.O. | Adjustment |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|------|--|
| \$0 | \$0 | \$10,952,836 | \$0 | \$0 | \$10,952,836 | 95 | FY26 Existing Operating Budget as of 12-1-25 |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$141,325 | \$0 | \$0 | \$141,325 | 0 | Acquisitions & Major Repairs |
| \$0 | \$0 | (\$85,986) | \$0 | \$0 | (\$85,986) | 0 | Attrition Adjustment |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$6,237 | \$0 | \$0 | \$6,237 | 0 | Capitol Park Security |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$1,547 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,547 | 0 | Civil Service Fees |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$12,763 | \$0 | \$0 | \$12,763 | 0 | Civil Service Training Series |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$36,933 | \$0 | \$0 | \$36,933 | 0 | Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$22,250 | \$0 | \$0 | \$22,250 | 0 | Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees |
| \$0 | \$0 | (\$1,083) | \$0 | \$0 | (\$1,083) | 0 | Legislative Auditor Fees |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$170,774 | \$0 | \$0 | \$170,774 | 0 | Market Rate Classified |
| \$0 | \$0 | (\$101,883) | \$0 | \$0 | (\$101,883) | 0 | Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$159 | \$0 | \$0 | \$159 | 0 | Office of State Procurement |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$15,951 | \$0 | \$0 | \$15,951 | 0 | Office of Technology Services (OTS) |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$114,338 | \$0 | \$0 | \$114,338 | 0 | Related Benefits Base Adjustment |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$13,282 | \$0 | \$0 | \$13,282 | 0 | Rent in State-Owned Buildings |
| \$0 | \$0 | (\$84,280) | \$0 | \$0 | (\$84,280) | 0 | Retirement Rate Adjustment |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$3,319 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,319 | 0 | Risk Management |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$248,376 | \$0 | \$0 | \$248,376 | 0 | Salary Base Adjustment |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$386 | \$0 | \$0 | \$386 | 0 | UPS Fees |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$514,408 | \$0 | \$0 | \$514,408 | 0 | Total Statewide Adjustments |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$8,095 | \$0 | \$0 | \$8,095 | 0 | Total Other Adjustments |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$11,475,339 | \$0 | \$0 | \$11,475,339 | 95 | Total FY27 Recommended Budget |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$522,503 | \$0 | \$0 | \$522,503 | 0 | Total Adjustments (Statewide and Agency-Specific) |

Other Adjustments

| State General Fund (Direct) | Interagency Transfers | Fees and Self-generated Revenues | Statutory Dedications | Federal Funds | Total | T.O. | Adjustment |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|------|---|
| \$0 | \$0 | \$8,095 | \$0 | \$0 | \$8,095 | 0 | Increases Fees and Self-generated Revenues out of the Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Dedicated Fund Account for third-party leased space and utility rate calculator subscription fees. |
| \$0 | \$0 | \$8,095 | \$0 | \$0 | \$8,095 | 0 | Total Other Adjustments |



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FY27 Recommended Means of Finance & Dedicated Funding

| Total Funding | FY25 Actual | FY26 Enacted | FY26 EOB as of 12-1-25 | FY27 Recommended | Difference FY26 EOB to FY27 Recommended |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---|
| Public Service Commission | \$ 8,991,159 | \$ 10,952,836 | \$ 10,952,836 | \$ 11,475,339 | \$ 522,503 |
| T.O. Positions | 95 | 95 | 95 | 95 | - |
| O.C Positions | - | - | - | - | - |

FY27 Recommended Total Means of Finance



Sources of Funding:

Motor Carrier Regulation Dedicated Fund Account – Intrastate application, registration, and permit fees, and fines collected from penalties collected by PSC.

Utility and Carrier Inspection Dedicated Fund Account – Every public utility and motor carrier shall pay fees on gross receipts quarterly. Fee amount varies based on the amount of gross receipts, similar to income tax brackets, but no less than \$80.

Telephonic Solicitation Relief Dedicated Fund Account – Fees telephonic solicitors pay associated with acquiring the “Do Not Call” list from PSC.



Categorical Expenditures

Examples of Categories

Departments expend funding in the five major categories listed below.

Personal Services

- Salaries – Regular, overtime, and termination pay for Classified and Unclassified personnel.
- Other Compensation – Wages, student labor, compensation for board members and/or board of trustees, evening instruction, university instructors, etc.
- Related Benefits – Retirement contributions, post-retirement contributions/benefits, FICA tax, Medicare tax, group insurance contributions, compensated absences, other related benefits, taxable fringe benefits, etc.

Total Operating Expenses

- Travel – In-state and Out-of-state, including meal reimbursement.
- Operating Services – Advertising, printing, insurance, maintenance, rentals, data processing, internet costs, dues and subscriptions, mail delivery, telephones, data lines, vehicle tracking and telematics, utilities, depreciation, amortization, banking services, credit card fees, etc.
- Supplies – office supplies and equipment, computers, clothing and uniforms, medical, pharmaceutical, food, automotive, repair and maintenance, software, etc.

Professional Services – Accounting, auditing, management consulting, engineering, architectural, legal, medical and dental, veterinary, information technology, etc.

Total Other Charges

- Other Charges – Aid to school boards, local government, etc.; public assistance; miscellaneous charges; judgments, fines, and penalties; interest on judgments; punitive/compensatory damages; OC personal services, operating expenses, professional services; contract attorney expenses; recoupments; furlough; contractual services; interest expense; claim payments; commercial group insurance; reinsurance; loans issued; disbursements; etc.
- Debt Service – Principal, interest, related charges, reserve requirement, amortization, and bond premiums.
- Interagency Transfer Line-Item Expenditure – Any expenses paid for with Interagency Transfers – from commodities and services to equipment.

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

- Acquisitions – Land; buildings; automobiles; aircraft; accessories; equipment; software; hardware; farm and heavy equipment; boats; capital outlay expenditures; construction; etc.
- Major Repairs – Land improvement; buildings; automotive; grounds; boats; aircraft; movable equipment; farm equipment; medical; office; library; education; recreation; communication; other equipment; pollution remediation; etc.



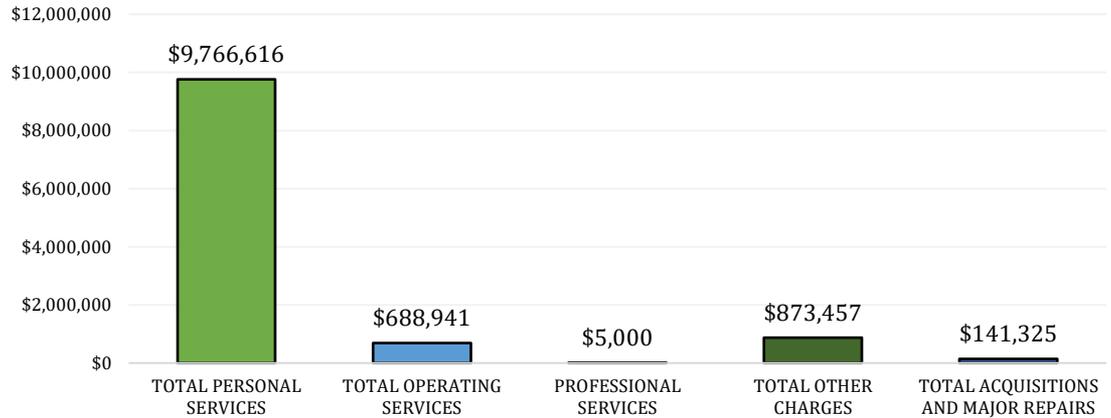
04-158 Public Service Commission Categorical Expenditures at FY27 Recommended

The largest expenditure category for the Public Service Commission is Personal Services, which comprises 85 percent of the agency's budget.

Within this category, Salaries make up 66 percent of expenditures, while Related Benefits contributes 34 percent.

Total Other Charges make up the second largest portion of the agency's budget, representing 8 percent. This category primarily houses standard statewide payments to other agencies for services rendered, the motor carrier registration case management system and costs to broadcast PSC meetings.

FY27 Recommended Expenditures



| Categorical Expenditures | FY25 Actual | FY26 Enacted | FY26 EOB as of 12/01/25 | FY27 Recommended | Difference FY26 EOB vs. FY27 REC |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Salaries | \$4,919,393 | \$6,090,916 | \$6,090,916 | \$6,420,861 | \$329,945 |
| Other Compensation | \$1,712 | \$38,000 | \$38,000 | \$38,000 | \$0 |
| Related Benefits | \$2,650,407 | \$3,202,532 | \$3,202,532 | \$3,307,755 | \$105,223 |
| TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES | \$7,571,512 | \$9,331,448 | \$9,331,448 | \$9,766,616 | \$435,168 |
| Travel | \$78,072 | \$123,868 | \$123,868 | \$123,868 | \$0 |
| Operating Services | \$463,071 | \$528,439 | \$528,439 | \$536,534 | \$8,095 |
| Supplies | \$25,094 | \$28,539 | \$28,539 | \$28,539 | \$0 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | \$566,236 | \$680,846 | \$680,846 | \$688,941 | \$8,095 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$0 |
| Other Charges | \$68,857 | \$80,300 | \$80,300 | \$80,300 | \$0 |
| Debt Service | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Interagency Transfers | \$687,980 | \$753,359 | \$753,359 | \$793,157 | \$39,798 |
| TOTAL OTHER CHARGES | \$756,838 | \$833,659 | \$833,659 | \$873,457 | \$39,798 |
| Acquisitions | \$96,573 | \$101,883 | \$101,883 | \$141,325 | \$39,442 |
| Major Repairs | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| TOTAL ACQ. & MAJOR REPAIRS | \$96,573 | \$101,883 | \$101,883 | \$141,325 | \$39,442 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$8,991,159 | \$10,952,836 | \$10,952,836 | \$11,475,339 | \$522,503 |



04-158 Public Service Commission Categorical Expenditures at FY27 Recommended

Professional Services

| Amount | Description |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| \$5,000 | Legal services for personnel matters |
| \$5,000 | Total Professional Services |

Other Charges

| Amount | Description |
|-----------------|---|
| \$33,000 | Valance Case Management for enhancements to the PSC Case Management application. |
| \$19,550 | Geographic Information System (GIS) power outage mapping enhancements |
| \$18,200 | Broadcast of the Commissioner's Business and Executive Sessions for the general public unable to attend meetings. |
| \$6,500 | Do Not Call Program - Issuance of subpoenas of telephone records for enforcement purposes. |
| \$1,800 | Information technology system maintenance and support |
| \$1,250 | Shredding services |
| \$80,300 | Total Other Charges |

Interagency Transfers Expenses

| Amount | Description |
|------------------|---|
| \$410,772 | Rent in State-owned Buildings |
| \$99,943 | Office of Technology Services (OTS) - Telephone and data services |
| \$79,362 | Office of Technology Services (OTS) Fees |
| \$51,029 | Capitol Park Security Fees |
| \$47,323 | Office of Risk Management (ORM) Premiums |
| \$38,980 | Legislative Auditor Fees |
| \$28,278 | Civil Service Fees |
| \$21,600 | Office of Technology Services (OTS) - Postage and mail |
| \$10,900 | DEQ - EBR Sheriff's Office Galvez security cost allocation. |
| \$4,260 | Uniform Payroll System (UPS) Fees |
| \$710 | Office of State Procurement (OSP) Fees |
| \$793,157 | Total IAT Expense |

Acquisitions & Major Repairs

| Amount | Description | Amount | Description |
|----------|--------------------------------|------------------|---|
| \$88,750 | Replacement of two vehicles | \$7,600 | Law library and reference materials |
| \$30,125 | Computers and related software | \$4,800 | Replace office furniture |
| \$10,050 | Computers and related software | \$141,325 | Total Acquisitions & Major Repairs |

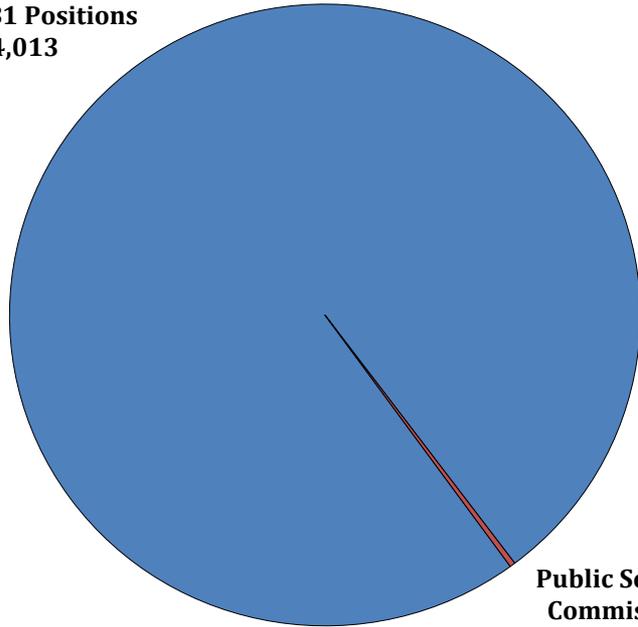


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FTEs, Authorized T.O., and Other Charges Positions

**FY27 Department Positions
as a portion of
FY27 Recommended HB1 Authorized Positions**

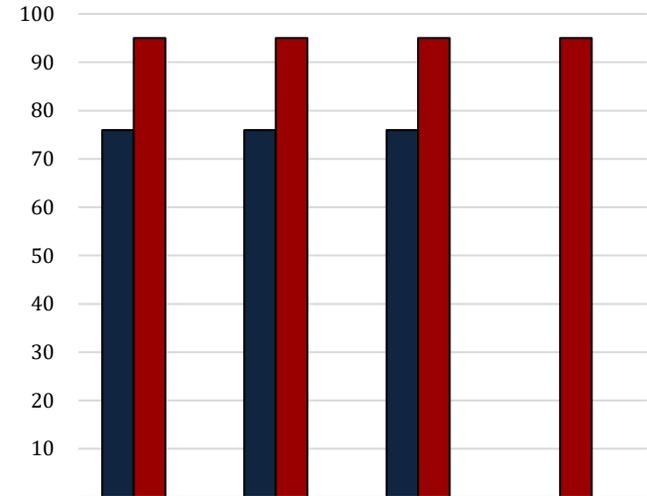
**Total HB1 Positions
34,013**



**Public Service
Commission
95
<1%**

FY26 number of funded, but not filled, positions as of January 5, 2026 = 19

**Number
and
Types
of
Positions**



| | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 Rec. |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| ■ Total FTEs (1st July Report) | 76 | 76 | 76 | - |
| ■ Authorized T.O. Positions | 95 | 95 | 95 | 95 |
| ■ Other Charges Positions | - | - | - | - |

The full-time equivalent or **FTE** definition refers to the number of hours considered full-time. For example, if an agency considers 40 hours full time, and there are two employees working 20 hours per week, those two employees would be 1.0 FTE.

Authorized Positions are those referred to in the Table of Organization (or T.O.) for each department. This count includes only those positions paid for from the Salaries expenditure category for the organization units and agencies included in each department's appropriation. This excludes positions paid for from other expenditure categories, such as wages or per diem.

Other Charges positions are authorized under R.S. 39:2(5)(b):

(5)(b) "Authorized other charges positions" means the number of positions in an appropriation bill to be funded by the other charges continuing category of the accounting system for the state. The number may be adjusted during a fiscal year in accordance with law.

- [Act 377 of 2013 by Rep. Burrell]
- Positions coded in the Other Charges expenditure category
- These positions are usually associated with federal grants



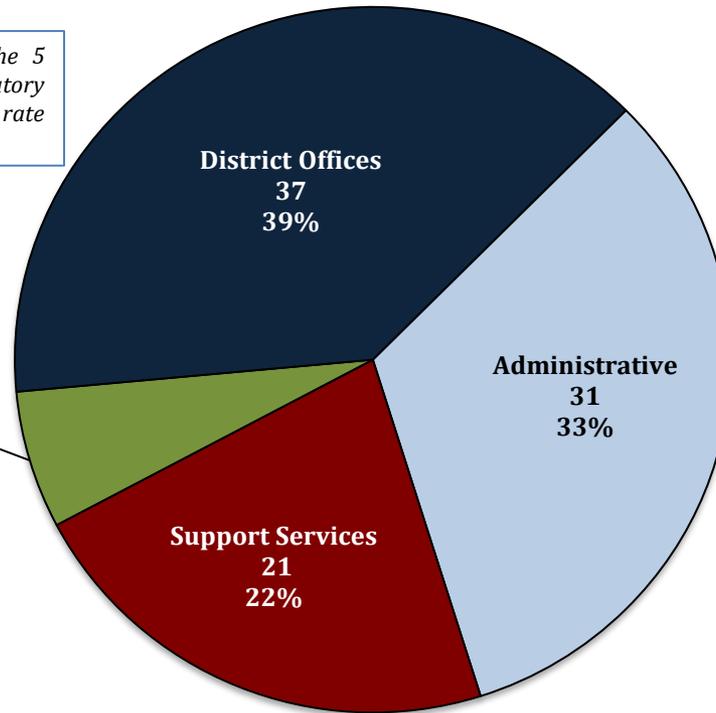
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FY27 Recommended Total Authorized Positions by Program

District Offices - These positions support the 5 elected commissioners who disseminate regulatory information to both regulated companies and rate payers.

**Motor Carrier
Registration**
6
6%

Motor Carrier - These positions are engaged in the regulation of intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire within the state.



Administrative - These positions are involved in management & finance and the overall operations of the department. The remaining positions include executive functions, "Do Not Call", and legal services.

Support Services - These positions are for regulation of public utilities and common carriers to administer public hearings and maintain evidentiary records related to rates and services of public utilities and common carriers.



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Related Employment Information

Salaries and Related Benefits for the 95 Authorized Positions are listed below in Chart 1.
 In Chart 2, benefits are broken out to show the portion paid for active versus retired employees.
 This is where payments for the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) can be found.

1.

| Personal Services | 2024 Actual | 2025 Actual | 2026 Enacted | 2027 Recommended |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Salaries | \$4,857,692 | \$4,919,393 | \$6,090,916 | \$6,420,861 |
| Other Compensation | \$7,105 | \$1,712 | \$38,000 | \$38,000 |
| Related Benefits | \$2,756,977 | \$2,650,407 | \$3,202,532 | \$3,307,755 |
| Total Personal Services | \$7,621,774 | \$7,571,512 | \$9,331,448 | \$9,766,616 |

Average T.O. Salary = \$63,741

Examples of Other Compensation include pay for WAE employees, part-time employees, student workers, etc.

2.

| Related Benefits FY27 Recommended | Total Funding | % |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Total Related Benefits | \$3,307,755 | |
| UAL payments | \$1,360,487 | 41% |
| Retiree Health Benefits | \$467,250 | |
| Remaining Benefits* | \$1,480,018 | |
| Means of Finance | General Fund = 0% | Other = 100% |

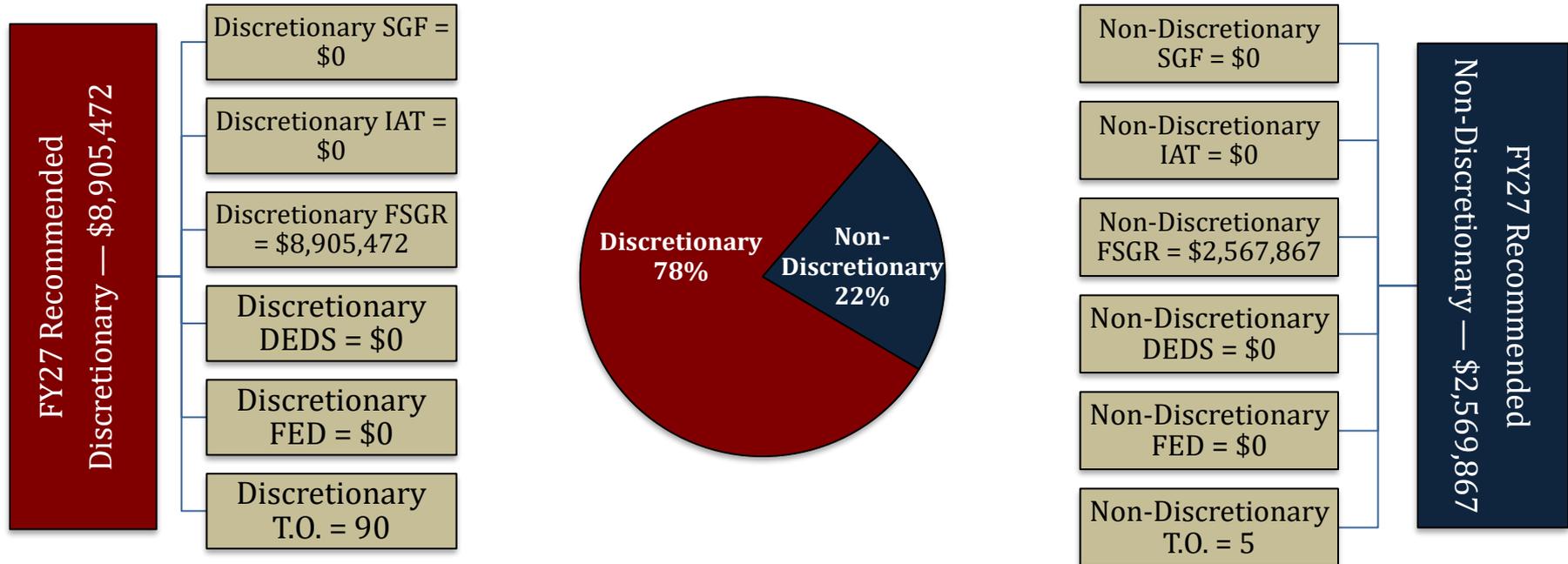
| Department Demographics | Total | % |
|--|-------|----|
| Gender | | |
| Female | 46 | 61 |
| Male | 30 | 39 |
| Race/Ethnicity | | |
| White | 61 | 80 |
| Black | 13 | 18 |
| Asian | 1 | 1 |
| Hispanic | 0 | 0 |
| Indian | 1 | 1 |
| Declined to State | 0 | 0 |
| Currently in DROP or Eligible to Retire | 9 | 12 |

* Remaining Benefits include employer contribution to authorized positions' retirement, health, Medicare, FICA, Emoluments etc. The authorized positions include authorized T.O. positions and authorized other charges positions, both filled and vacant.

Other Charges Benefits
\$0



04-158 Public Service Commission FY27 Discretionary/Non-Discretionary Comparison



| Total Discretionary Funding by Office | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Administrative | \$ 3,648,955 | 41% |
| Support Services | \$ 2,081,314 | 23% |
| Motor Carrier Registration | \$ 489,106 | 5% |
| District Offices | \$ 2,686,097 | 30% |
| Total Discretionary | \$ 8,905,472 | 100% |

| Total Non-Discretionary Funding by Type | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------|
| UAL Requirements | \$ 1,360,487 | 53% |
| Retirees Group Insurance | \$ 467,250 | 18% |
| Rent in State-owned Buildings | \$ 410,772 | 16% |
| Commissioner Salaries and Related Benefits* | \$ 292,378 | 11% |
| Legislative Auditor Fees | \$ 38,980 | 2% |
| Total Non-Discretionary | \$ 2,569,867 | 100% |

*Related Benefits above does not include Commissioner emoluments of \$43,800.