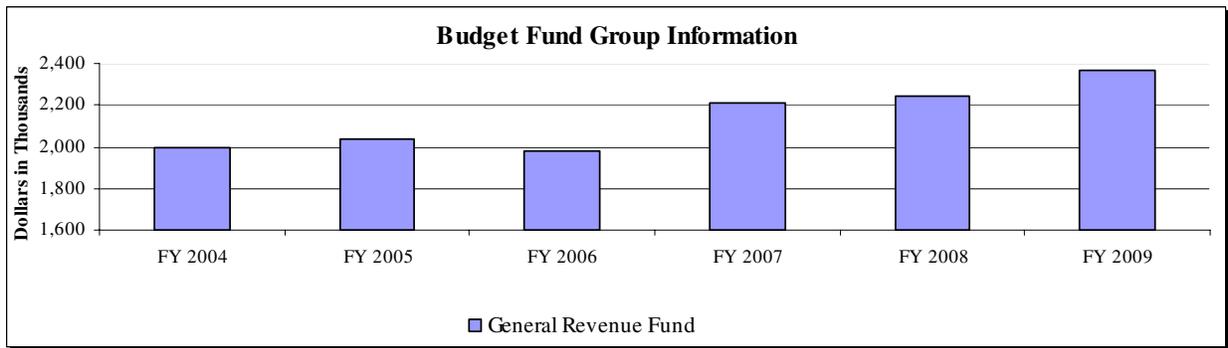


Role and Overview

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 four areas including: 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; actions of the 88 county budget commissions; and decisions of municipal boards of appeal.

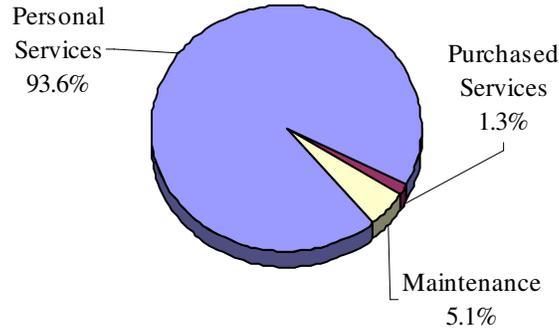
The effect of the Board of Tax Appeals' decisions on revenue for the state and its political subdivisions is considerable, on average, \$4 billion to \$5 billion was in controversy from real property valuations and determinations of the Tax Commissioner during fiscal year 2006. Appeals are filed and terminated throughout the year, although many are in active status throughout the year. In fiscal year 2006, 1,892 new appeals were filed, 1,505 appeals were terminated; and 1,826 appeals remained in active status at year end. 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/>.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	1,994	2,035	1,977	2,211	11.9	2,247	1.6	2,369	5.4
TOTAL	1,994	2,035	1,977	2,211	11.9	2,247	1.6	2,369	5.4

**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Expense Category**



(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	%	FY 2009	%
Personal Services	1,852	1,868	1,740	2,033	16.9	2,104	3.5	2,218	5.4
Purchased Services	22	50	31	40	29.8	30	(25.0)	30	.0
Maintenance	108	117	159	127	(20.2)	114	(10.6)	122	7.0
Equipment	1	0	47	11	(77.6)	0	(100.0)	0	.0
Transfer & Other	9	0	0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	1,994	2,035	1,977	2,211	11.9	2,247	1.6	2,369	5.4

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 approximately 40 percent 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.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Allow the board to determine an estimated 1,550 appeals each year.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	116-321	Operating Expenses	2,247,476	2,369,363
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				2,247,476	2,369,363

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Tax Appeals

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	116-321	Operating Expenses	1,993,512	2,035,289	1,976,714	2,211,035	2,247,476	1.6	2,369,363	5.4
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			1,993,512	2,035,289	1,976,714	2,211,035	2,247,476	1.6	2,369,363	5.4
TOTAL Board of Tax Appeals			1,993,512	2,035,289	1,976,714	2,211,035	2,247,476	1.6	2,369,363	5.4