The U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC)

Established by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)
- Signed into law by President George W. Bush, Oct. 29, 2002
- EAC opened its doors on April 5, 2004

Independent, Bipartisan Commission
Consists of Four commissioners
- Two commissioners from each political party
- Presidential appointees that are approved by the senate
- First four commissioners sworn into office on Dec. 13, 2003
- Three Commissioners Currently on Commission
Helping States Replace Election Technology

• An original charge in HAVA
• An ongoing responsibility
  • RFP Reviews
  • Procurement document Clearinghouse
  • HAVA grants and funding
  • Newest version of the EAC’s Voluntary Voting System Guidelines

VVSG 2.0
Access To Voting For Voters With Disabilities

• **An original charge in HAVA**
  • One of the only pieces of federal legislation that explicitly charges an agency with helping voters with disabilities

• **EAC Work:**
  • Voting Rights Cards
  • Ensuring accessibility is included in the EAC’s Voluntary Voting System Guidelines
  • Public meetings and hearings to bring experts, voters, and election officials together
  • For those with disabilities and those you don’t yet have a disability

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**Election Innovations:** Helping Veterans With Disabilities in the voting process

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Educational Information
Elections As Critical Infrastructure:

• Department of Homeland Security designated Elections to be part of the Nation’s Critical Infrastructure on January 6, 2017
  • Secretary Jeh Johnson signed the order
  • **EAC is representing election administrators in the critical infrastructure process**
    • Acting as the federal agency helping DHS understand what will and will not help election administrators
    • Acting as a microphone for election officials and administrators to ask questions and get answers about critical infrastructure
Getting the CI Scoop

- CI Scoop – Blog
  - A new blog every few days
  - Covering all topics CI and elections as CI
  - Updates on the EAC and CI
- Starting Point Document
  - 6 page in-depth overview of Critical Infrastructure and Elections as Critical Infrastructure
Language Access

- The EAC is dedicated to helping state efforts to make voting accessible to Limited English Proficiency Voters
- EAC Language Access Summit
  - A partnership with Democracy Fund Voice
  - Second annual collection of resources and speakers
- Voter registration form for use in all 50 states in multiple languages
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The “go-to-resource” on election administration.

1. Clearinghouse of election administration data, practices, best practices, and information
2. Administrator of the NVRA Form
3. Administrator of the Nation’s leading voting machine testing and certification program
   1. Including cyber and physical security resources
4. Federal representative for election administrators
   1. Federal representative in federal processes
   2. Federal intermediary
EAC Research Resources

Central Resource – National Clearing House
- Best Practices
- 11 New Topics Added in 2016

State-By-State Compendium
- Election Worker Laws & Statutes

EAVS Survey
- Most Comprehensive American Election Administration Survey
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