



U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
STANDARDS BOARD

RESOLUTION 2009-01

Whereas, The Election Assistance Commission is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA); and

Whereas, the US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has contracted for the development of a comprehensive risk assessment of voting systems to assist with the adoption of the next iteration of voting system standards; and

Whereas, Phase 1 of the EAC's risk assessment was submitted to the Standards Board for comment at the February 2009 meeting for the first time; and

Whereas, the Standards Board finds the Phase 1 document extremely technical and finds it unclear how the Risk Assessment Project will assist the EAC with the evaluation and adoption of the next iteration of voting system standards;

Whereas, Election Officials use a variety of processes and procedures, such as chain of custody procedures or polling place management, to mitigate possible risks posed to voting systems used in their jurisdiction; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the EAC work with the Standards Board to develop a process to refine this risk analysis project so that it better meets the original goal of advising the EAC on the adoption of the next iteration of the voting system standards, and that the final

deliverable be a document that is understandable to the Standards Board.

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A True Record Attest:

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Secretary of the Standards Board
Executive Board**

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RESOLUTION 2009-02

Whereas, The Election Assistance Commission is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA); and

Whereas the US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is responsible for adoption of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) and certification of voting systems; and

Whereas, the pace of certification of voting systems and adoption of VVSG has contributed to a slowdown in the ability of jurisdictions to purchase new systems or obtain upgrades of systems; and

Whereas, a lack of certainty in both certification timelines and the pace of VVSG adoption creates disincentives for vendors to produce new, innovative systems; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the EAC, after approval of the next iteration of the VVSG, should adopt a regular schedule of VVSG adoption based on five (5) year intervals.

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RESOLUTION 2009-03

Whereas, The Election Assistance Commission is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA); and

Whereas the US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Election Day Survey places a heavy burden on state and local election officials; and

Whereas, the EAC has made improvements in the design of questions and the mechanism for reporting the data; and

Whereas, Election Officials attempt to program data collection into their state-wide voter registration databases and require adequate lead time in the “off” year to program and test those systems; and

Whereas, A number of the questions in the Election Day Survey have obvious value and a number of questions have dubious value to legitimate research and public policy decision-making; and

Whereas, the EAC has not formalized a process for what data is important to collect and why; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the EAC use the 2008 Election Day Survey questions as the 2010 Election Day Survey; the EAC entertain no additional questions beyond those statutorily required; and that EAC conduct a review of the existing survey questions with all users with the objective of improving existing questions and eliminating those questions of little elections value, and that a wider review be conducted in advance of the 2012 election; and

Be it further resolved that the EAC complete all work on the 2010 Election Day Survey no later than August of 2009; and

Be it finally resolved that EAC shall establish a formal process for making decisions on what data to collect and election officials should be part of the formal process.

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RESOLUTION 2009-04

Whereas, The Election Assistance Commission is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA); and

Whereas, the US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) continues to evaluate the next iteration of the voting system standards and the EAC has decided to incorporate portions of the next iteration of the voting system standards into the 2005 voting system standards; and

Whereas, the Standards Board has no communications from the EAC concerning the status of the next iteration or revision of the 2005 standards since December 2007; and

Whereas, the Standards Board is required to make comments and recommendations to the EAC regarding proposed standards; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the EAC staff conduct regular telephone conferences to update the Executive Committee of the Standards Board, or designated sub-committee of the Standards Board, to provide updates regarding status of proposed voting system standards; and

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee of the Standards Board provide regular updates to the entire membership.

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RESOLUTION 2009-05

Whereas, The Election Assistance Commission is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA); and

Whereas, the proposed iteration of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) contain many areas of concern and controversy; and

Whereas, the Standards Board had great difficulty with many sections of the proposed iteration of the VVSG at their 2007, Austin, TX meeting; and

Whereas, the Standards Board voiced their concerns at the 2007, Austin, TX meeting, which prompted the EAC to move forward modifications to the 2005 VVSG as an interim set of standards until approval of the next iteration of the VVSG; and

Whereas, the Standards Board believes that it is paramount that all future iterations of the VVSG be formally reviewed at an in-person meeting prior to final adoption of the US Election Assistance Commission (EAC); now therefore be it

Resolved, that the EAC Standards Board requests the EAC to provide the Standards Board an opportunity to review and comment on all future iterations of the VVSG prior to adoption.

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RESOLUTION 2009-06

Whereas, The Election Assistance Commission is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA); and

Whereas, the Standards Board is a large board with the possibility of 110 members and the management of a board of that size can be and is a challenge; and

Whereas, the Standards Board provides a vital function in keeping the US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) connected to the workings of election officials at the state, local, and US territory levels; and

Whereas, it is vitally important for the Standards Board members to keep current with actions and decisions of the EAC; and

Whereas, with the 2011 election of the Standards Board Executive Committee there could be a complete change of members; and

Whereas, it has become the regular practice of the EAC to rotate the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) committee assignments of the EAC Commissioners on an annual basis; and

Whereas, the change from one EAC Commissioner to another as DFO can be a cause for a lack of continuity between the Standards Board members and the EAC; and

Whereas, vacancies in the office of EAC Commissioners provide an even greater opportunity for additional loss of continuity for the Standards Board;

Resolved, that EAC Commissioners and staff members research viable methods for providing strong continuity for the continued functioning of the Standards Board; and

Be it further resolved that the Standards Board DFO shall communicate the agreed upon plan to provide this continuity to the Executive Committee and the full membership of the Standards Board before the next DFO is assigned to the Standards Board.

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