



**U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
STANDARDS BOARD**

RESOLUTION 2006-01

WHEREAS, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission is conducting studies and research on a wide variety of subjects related to elections.

RESOLVED that the Standards Board recommends—

- The EAC carefully review each study and recommendation of researchers to ensure that findings are based on facts that are clearly defended by quantitative data, rather than suspicions or assumptions;
- The EAC require researchers to study and report on the practicality and expense of implementing each recommendation;
- Election Day survey questions be considered and completed and noticed to states no later than two years before the election in which the data is to be collected.



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RESOLUTION 2006-02

WHEREAS, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards Board charter states that the annual cost for operating the Standards Board includes a one-quarter (1/4) staff year for support services;

WHEREAS, the one-quarter (1/4) staff year has never been dedicated to the board, it has been determined that a need for such staffing is present.

RESOLVED that the Standards Board recommends:

- The EAC adhere to the provision of the Charter of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards Board and dedicate staff support;
- The EAC staff person provide early and timely notice to the Standards Board relative to proposed meetings of the Standards Board and other activities so as to allow members meaningful opportunity to study materials in preparation for active participation or such meetings; and
- Consistent with HAVA Section 215(c) notice of all reports be forwarded to Standards Board members.



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RESOLUTION 2006-03

WHEREAS, the Help America Vote Act requires the EAC to report on finite and specific topics that are clearly listed in the law;

WHEREAS, Taxpayer dollars are being used to prepare these reports at a great deal of expense in terms of funding and time,

WHEREAS, the EAC itself is not performing the Research, but instead contracting out such research to various individuals, policy institutes, think tanks, and/or activist groups,

RESOLVED that the Standards Board recommends:

- That the EAC adhere strictly to the plain language meaning of the Help America Vote Act, where it clearly lists the specific topics that are to be reported on and the parameters thereof, without assuming tangential issues or taking action that would lead to an increased project scope;
- That the EAC recognize that the wide disparity of state election laws may make quantitative analysis difficult depending on the subject being discussed. As a result, there is value in recognizing this fact alone and where this is the case, federal and taxpayer funds should not be used in making assumptions that cannot be carried in a nationwide forum;

- That the EAC has a role in promulgating limited guidance in those areas specifically enumerated in Title III of HAVA, and otherwise the EAC is simply acting as a nationwide clearinghouse of state election practices. These EAC roles should be clearly enunciated on all EAC final and interim reports (through, for example; preambulatory language or “Draft” watermarks on each page) and should be clearly emphasized to the media and public in any statements or communication made by the EAC or its Commissioners.