



U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
STANDARDS BOARD

RESOLUTION 2007-01

Whereas, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) represents the most ambitious and comprehensive election reform and civil rights legislation since the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

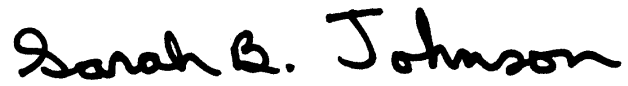
Whereas, the States have collectively and aggressively taken on the challenge of implementing the changes proposed by HAVA and have had good success to date in implementing those changes, and

Whereas, these changes need time to root and take shape so that good data as to the effects of these changes can be obtained and therefore, be used to discuss the need and type of any future changes.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Standards Board recommends to the United States Election Assistance Commission that it should, in strong and bipartisan fashion, inform Congress and the public, at every opportunity of the following:

- 1) That HAVA is still being implemented and needs to remain untouched for a longer period of time in order to determine the effect of HAVA and realize its benefits or detriments.
- 2) That Congress promised the states, local jurisdictions and the American people full funding of the HAVA mandate and to date that promise remains unfulfilled.
- 3) That Congress should fulfill its monetary promise under HAVA before suggesting any additional changes to election administration in the United States.
- 4) That after Congress meets its promises under HAVA and if Congress contemplates further federal election administration changes, that such changes only be promulgated with full funding as that funding is determined with full input from state and local election officials.
- 5) That after Congress meets its promises under HAVA and if Congress contemplates further federal election administration changes, that it only promotes a timeline that reflects full input from state and local election officials, and in no case should such changes already proposed have effective dates before July 2010.

A True Record Attest:



Sarah Ball Johnson,
Secretary of the Standards Board
Executive Board

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U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
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RESOLUTION 2007-02

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

Whereas, the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) is considering new complex standards for the next iteration of the VVSG that might include much higher “Mean Time Between Failure” (MTBF) design for individual machine failure rates; “Software Independence” standards by which strict methods of detecting errors by auditing and verifying the overall election results as a whole are required; new requirements focused on Infrared (IR) and Radio Frequency (RF) communications to insure “air gaps” to separate voting equipment from wireless modules employed to transmit election results; and, analysis of equipment source logic as well as source codes which may require each piece of equipment to be separately encrypted with its own chip; and,

Whereas, the approval of such new and complex standards for new equipment under the next iteration of the VVSG will greatly increase the time and expense for design and development of such new equipment by equipment vendors, the time and expense for certification of new equipment, as well as increasing the ultimate cost of such equipment for the end-users; and,

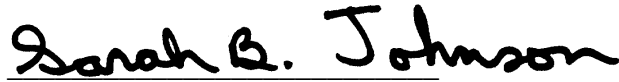
Whereas, the approval of such new and complex standards for new equipment under the next iteration of the VVSG will pose significant challenges for election administrators in level of training and cost of training of poll workers;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Standards Board recommends to the United States Election Assistance Commission that it consider the value and importance of having NIST and TGDC in their research of new standards for the next iteration of the VVSG consult with at least two selected independent election expert groups such as NASED, Election Center, Joint Elections Officials Liaison Council (JEOLC), International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials, and Treasurers (IACREOT), as well as with at least two selected equipment vendor task forces such as OASIS and IEEE to secure reasonable, practical, and testing consultation on the impact of complex new standards of core requirements and testing for security and transparency.

Be It Further Resolved that the Standards Board recommends to the United States Election Assistance Commission that it undertake to secure the recommended consultations itself between the times that TGDC makes its recommendations for the next iteration of the VVSG to the Standards Board and the time that the Standards Board makes its recommendations to the

United States Election Assistance Commission for public hearing, comment, and eventual adoption and release.

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**Sarah Ball Johnson,
Secretary of the Standards Board
Executive Board**

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U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
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RESOLUTION 2007-03

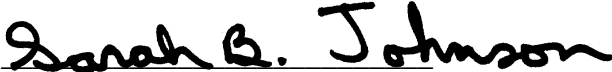
Whereas, the Election Assistance Commission is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act; and

Whereas, section 802 of the Help America Vote Act transferred to the Election Assistance Commission all functions under section 9(a) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; and,

Whereas, section 9(a)(3) of the National Voter Registration Act states that the Election Assistance Commission “not later than June 30 of each odd-numbered year, shall submit to the Congress a report assessing the impact of the Act on the administration of elections for Federal office during the preceding 2-year period and including recommendations for improvements in Federal and State procedures, forms, and other matters affected by this Act”;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Standards Board recommends that the United States Election Assistance Commission consider providing a period to receive public comments to allow election officials and voters the opportunity to provide observations of the impacts of the National Voter Registration Act and to include an analysis of such observations in the report and recommendations to Congress due June 30, 2007.

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

Whereas, the 2005 Voluntary Voting System Guidelines don't take effect until December 13, 2007; and,

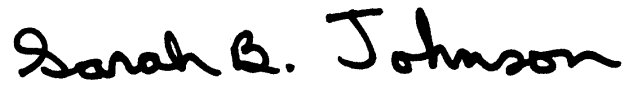
Whereas, consideration and adoption of a voluminous new version of the VVSG at the same time as the 2005 Guidelines take effect will be confusing to elections officials, manufacturers and the public about what takes effect and when; and,

Whereas, the TGDC does not fully consider affordability and logistics for elections administrators when recommending new guidelines;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Standards Board recommends to the United States Election Assistance Commission that it and the TGDC seriously narrow the scope of the next iteration of the VVSG to only those matters that are time-sensitive and emergency in nature.

Be It Further Resolved that the Standards Board recommends to the United States Election Assistance Commission that it establish a regular schedule for future changes to the VVSG that keeps each new version narrow in scope and understandable for elections administrators, manufacturers and the public.

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RESOLUTION 2007-05

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

Whereas, voluntary voting system standards were adopted in 1990 by the Federal Election Commission (FEC) with additional standards issued by the FEC in 2002; and,

Whereas, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission adopted voluntary voting system guidelines and anticipates adopting the next iteration; and,

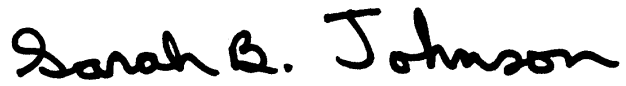
Whereas, the changes for election administrators and for voting equipment vendors have been sweeping, broad and complex since the presidential election of November, 2000; and,

Whereas, the changes in the voluntary equipment systems guidelines have become increasingly frequent with only two years separating the 2005 VVSG from the anticipated next iteration of the VVSG; and,

Whereas, the election administrators need reasonable time frames to justify and fund new voting equipment, and voting equipment vendors need reasonable time frames to design, develop, certify and market new products;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Standards Board recommends to the United States Election Assistance Commission that it give careful consideration to the need for a policy that the VVSG shall not be updated more frequently than every four years, beginning after the issuance of the next iteration of the VVSG.

A True Record Attest:



**Sarah Ball Johnson,
Secretary of the Standards Board
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