



VEBA Annual Meeting

March 2025

Congrats to 50 Years of VEBA Strengthening Democracy!



On behalf of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Thank You!

"Free, fair, open, and transparent elections are the foundation of a democratically elected government"



VIRGINIA SEAL: "SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS"



- "Thus Always to Tyrants" - Shakespeare in Julius Ceasar
- "Always (or Eventually) Freedom"
- From time as a Colony to the War of Independence, the Commonwealth of Virginia has leaned forward on liberty and freedom.

A Walk Down Memory Lane

SBE: Charlie Judd, Kimberly Bowers



Justin Riemer, Deputy Secretary Don Palmer, Secretary



Josh Lief, OAG, Counsel to SBE



Homestead Meeting: "I'm Shocked.."



Decades of Service in Virginia Elections



Who Is the EAC

What is the EAC?



Established in 2002 by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to address improvements to voting systems and voter access.



Adopts voluntary voting system guidelines, certifies voting systems and accredits testing laboratories.



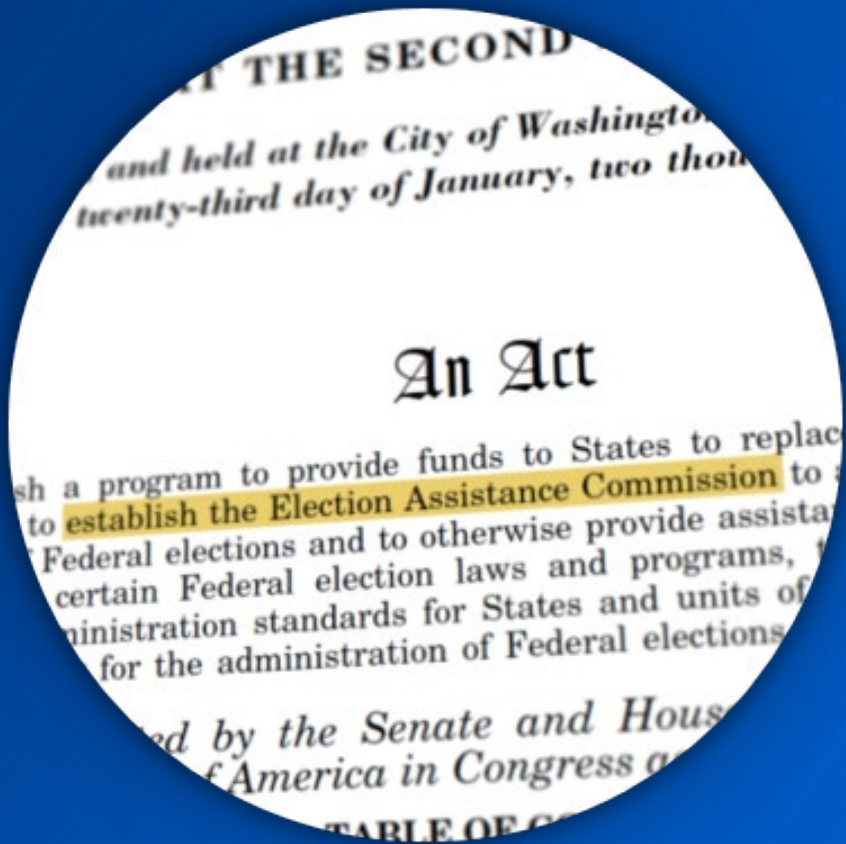
Serves as a national clearinghouse of information on election administration.



Distributes, administers, and audits the use of HAVA funds.



Maintains the National Mail Voter Registration Form.



Other Requirements of HAVA

- Provisional Voting
- Voting Information
- Updated and Upgraded Voting Equipment
- Statewide Voter Registration Databases
- Voter Identification Procedures
- Administrative Complaint Procedures
- Periodic reports and studies regarding election administration



EAC Advisory Boards

Standards Board



- Susan Beals, VA Commissioner of Elections
- Mark Coakley, Henrico County General Registrar



Local Leadership Council

- Barbara Tabb, Prince George County Electoral Board Member



EAC Testing and Certification

Voting System Campaigns

VVSG 1.0

- ES&S EVS 6.5.0.0 (Certified)
- Dominion D-Suite 5.20 (Certified)
- ClearBallot ClearVote 2.5 (Under Test)

VVSG 2.0

- Smartmatic VSR1 2.1 (Winter '25)
- Hart Verity Vanguard 1.0 (Fall '25)
- VotingWorks VxSuite 4.0 (New)

Requests for Interpretation

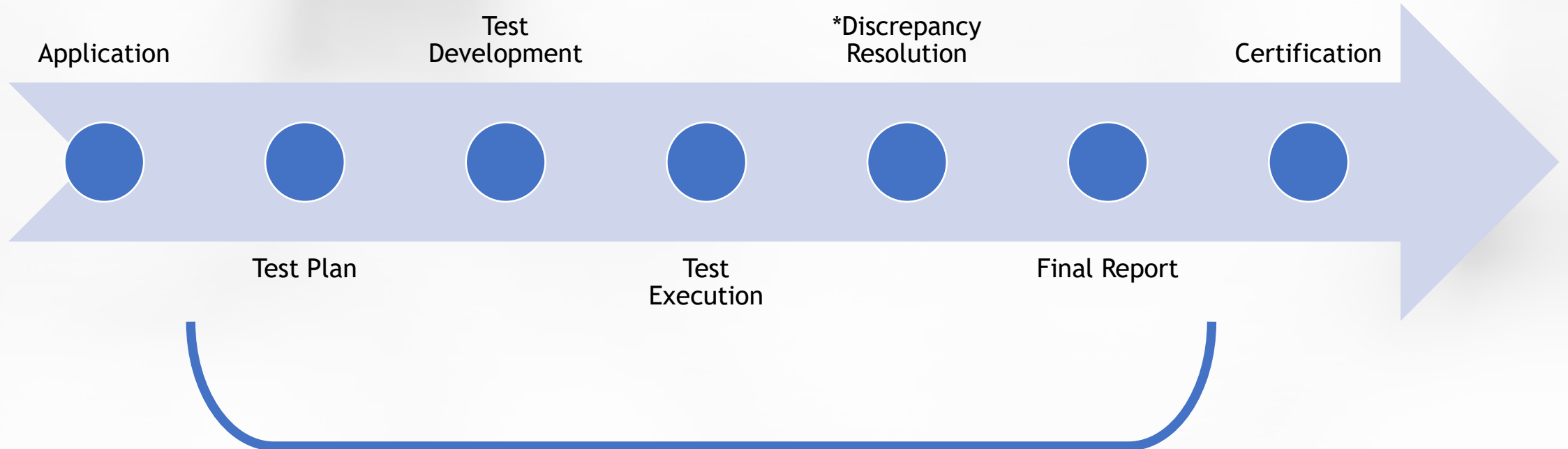
2024 RFIs published:

- Unique Identifiers
- Unauthorized physical access alerts
- Logging of physical connections and disconnections

2025 RFIs In-Queue:

- Accessibility features
- Software independence
- COTS Devices Meet Applicable Requirements

Anatomy of a Test Campaign



Factors Affecting Timeline

Preparation

- Manufacturers, Labs

Resources

- All parties

Discrepancy Resolution

- Manufacturers, Labs

Request for Interpretation

- EAC



ACET Timeline

- **2024-2026**
 - Jurisdictions are planning and budgeting for procurement of 2.0 certified machines
 - Vendors are continuing to develop and submit systems for certification on both the state and federal levels
- **2026-2028**
 - Jurisdictions will begin procuring and piloting machines
 - Vendors will continue the certification process
- **2029+**
 - Full scale, nationwide deployment and use in elections



VVSG Migration Communications

Resources to help communicate VVSG Migration to voters:



Secure Elections Toolkit



Election security videos



EAC Testing and Certification
Factsheet



What does EAC certification mean?

An EAC certified voting system has been tested by a federally accredited test laboratory and has successfully met the requirements of the VVSG and any other claims made by the voting system manufacturer.



View the **EAC's Voting Equipment FAQs** for more information

Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP)



FUNCTIONALITY

Usability Features
Functional Configuration
Compatibility
Telecommunications
System Maintenance &
Troubleshooting



SECURITY

Access Control
Physical Security Measures
System Integrity
Network/Telecommunications
Security
Software Design & Architecture
Supply Chain Risk Management



ACCESSIBILITY

Baseline Accessibility
Supporting Visual Features
Supporting Physical Features
Supporting Audio Features
Additional Languages

Questions? Contact ESTEP@eac.gov



On February 18, 2023, the EAC certified the nation's first electronic poll book at the federal level, marking a new milestone for election technologies in our nation's history!



ESTEP Pilot Programs



Electronic Ballot Delivery Pilot Program

- Timeline - Pilot program launch mid-April 2025
- Current Phase - Developing requirements with stakeholder feedback



Election Night Reporting Pilot Program

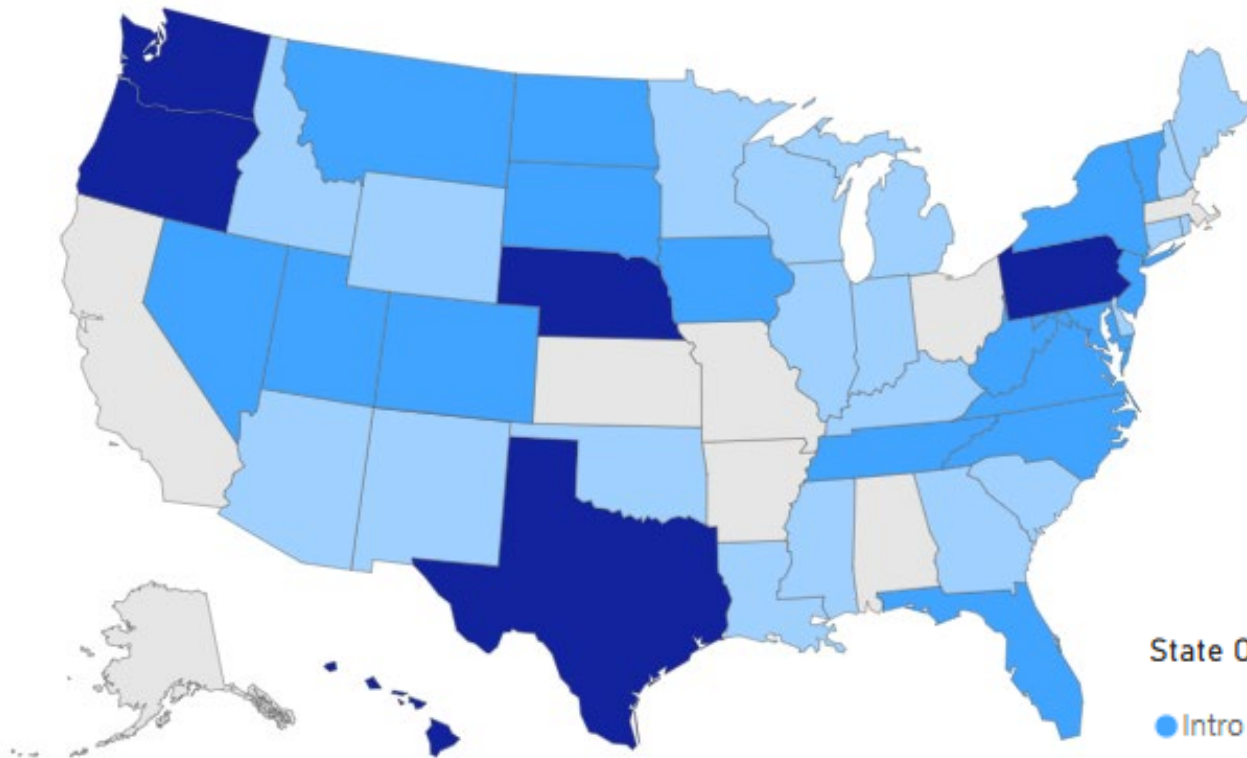
- Timeline - Pilot program launch June 2025
- Current Phase - Developing requirements with stakeholder feedback



Voter Registration Systems Pilot Program

- Timeline - Expected pilot program launch in Late 2025 or early 2026

Field Services Program

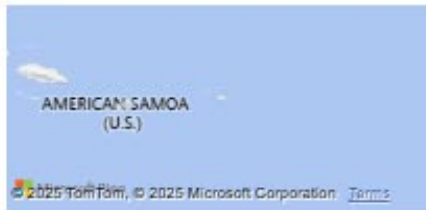


Assists With:

- Hash Verification
- Fielded System Reviews
- Anomalies
- Manufacturer Audits

American Samoa

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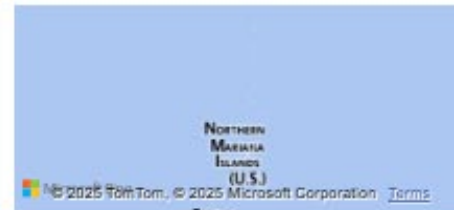
Guam

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Northern Mariana Islands

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Puerto Rico

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US Virgin Islands

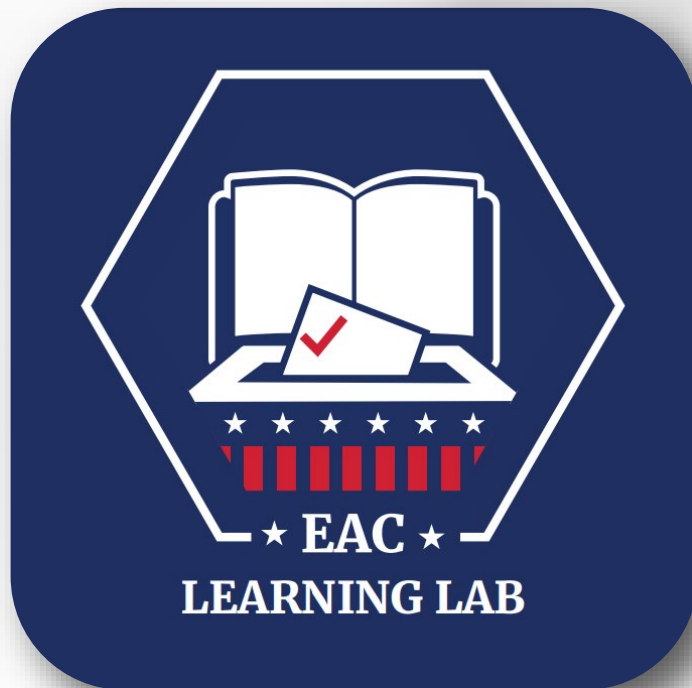
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EAC Resources

Learning Lab

On-Demand Training for Election Officials



Short video trainings available any time online in the Learning Lab platform



Practical strategies & best practices designed to complement state training



Variety of topics including:

- Accessibility
- Communications
- Poll Worker Training
- Election Office Administration
- Federal Election Laws



eac.gov/LearningLab



Join the Clearinghouse Community



Dedicated space only for election officials



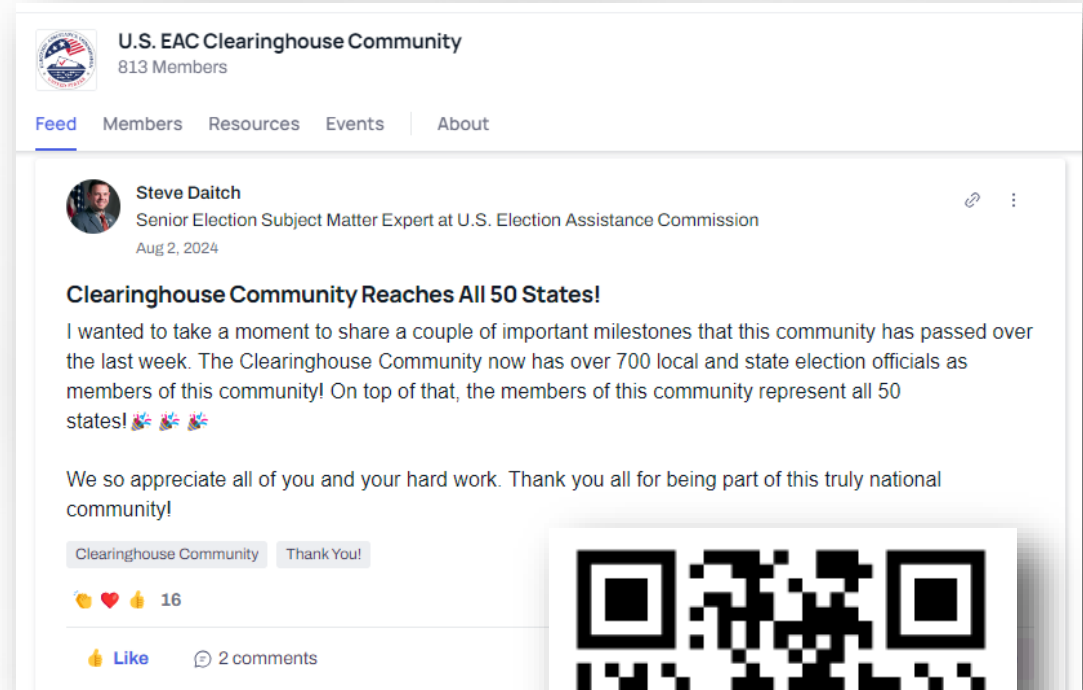
Connect with peers across the country



Share knowledge, resources and ask questions



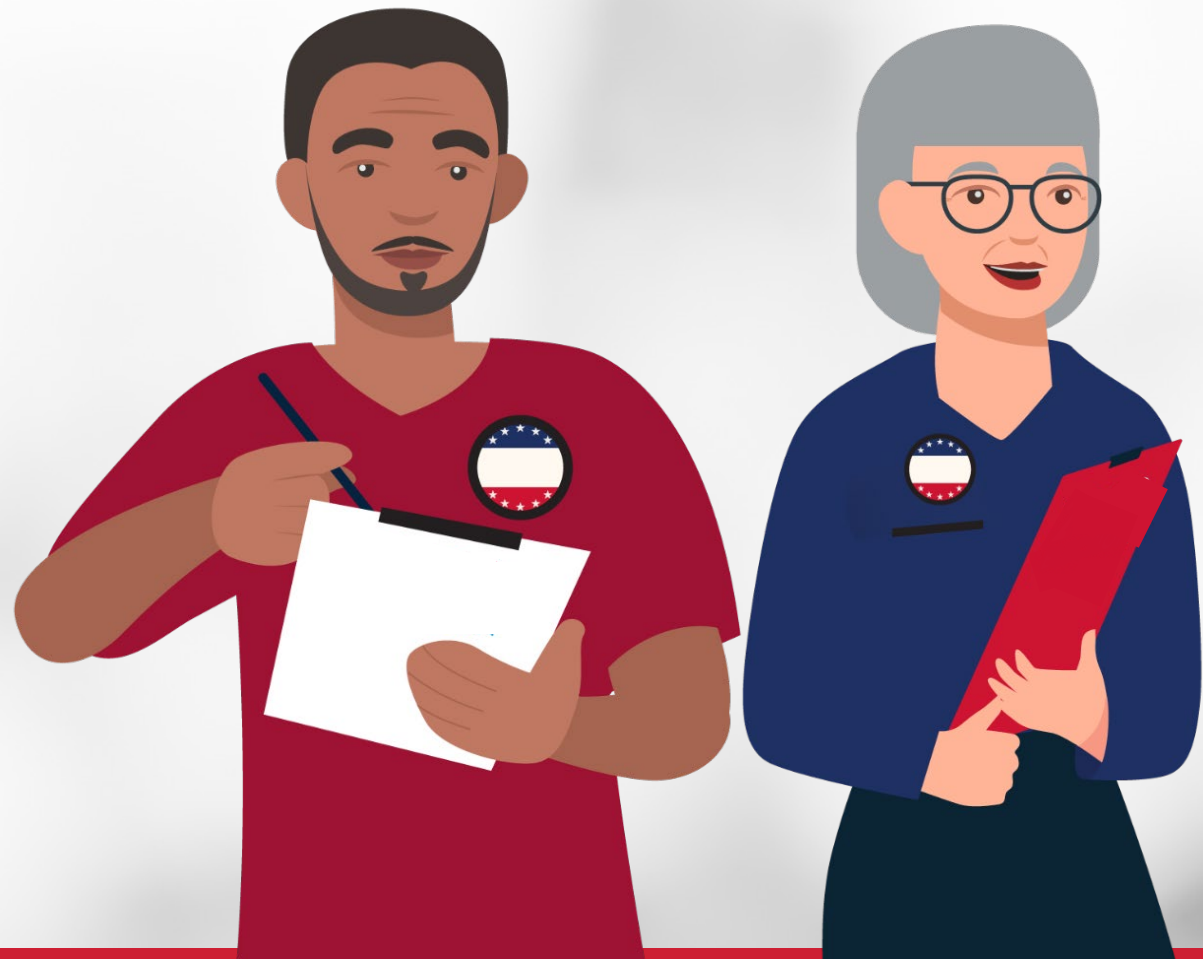
Access Election Assistance Commission resources easily



eac.gov/Community

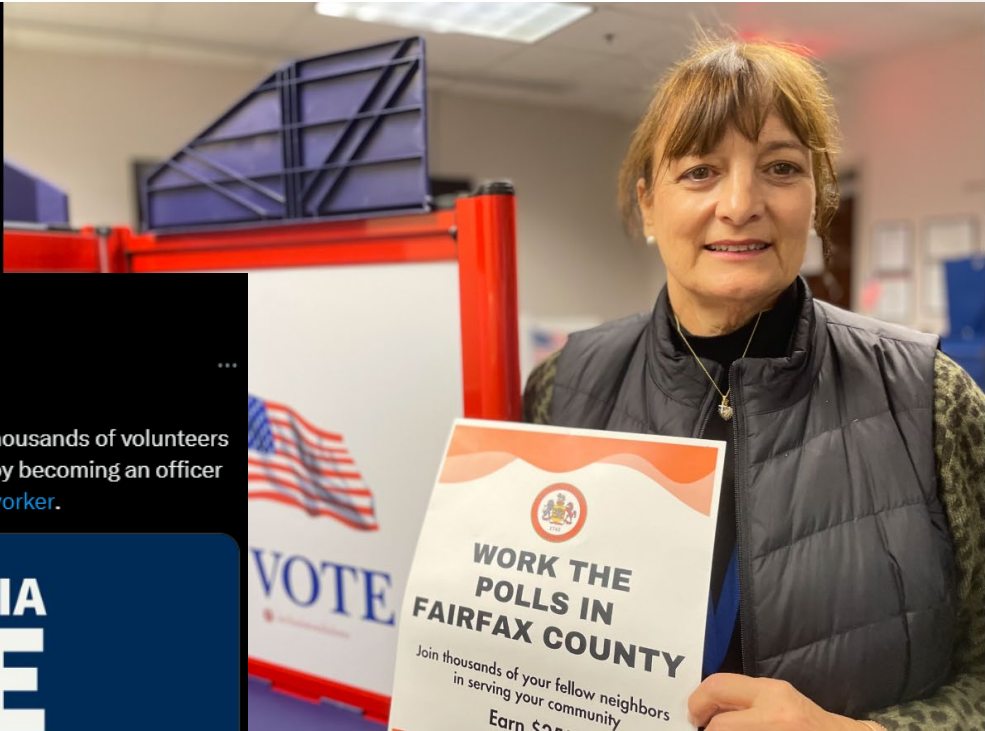


Poll Worker Recruitment Day



NATIONAL POLL WORKER
RECRUITMENT DAY

August 12, 2025



Fairfax County Government
January 30, 2024 · 🌐


Today is Help America Vote Day, a national recognition of election officers!

We can't run elections without Maria and the many others who already serve our community as election officers. Join your friends and neighbors. Become an election officer today: <https://bit.ly/4Zi64sq>

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Write a comment...

← **Post**


 **VA Dept of Elections** @vaELECT

Today is Help America Vote Day! Virginia needs thousands of volunteers each election cycle. You can #HelpAmericaVote by becoming an officer of election. Apply today at Vote.Virginia.gov/pollworker.

HELP VIRGINIA VOTE




Now recruiting for election poll workers!



Learn more at Vote.Virginia.gov/pollworker


← **Post**

 **AlexandriaVA Elections** @AlexVAElections

Happy #HelpAmericaVote Day 2024! Don't sit this one out, volunteer to be an Election Officer Today! Email electionofficers@alexandriava.gov and put "I'm Volunteering" in the subject line! Contact us if you have questions, 703.746.4050.


HELP AMERICA VOTE

BECOME AN ELECTION OFFICER



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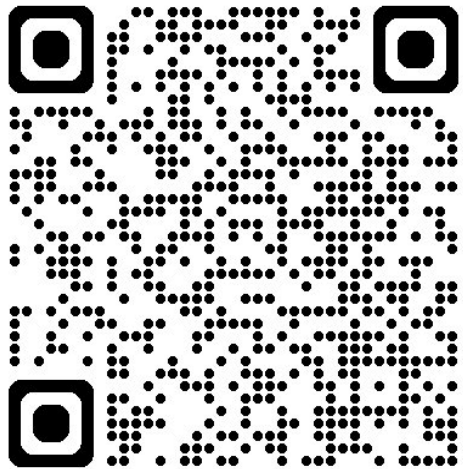
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City of Alexandria
Voter Registration and Elections

National Clearinghouse Awards

The Clearinghouse Awards, or “Clearie” Awards, celebrate innovation and best practices in election administration across the country.



Look for winners to be announced this spring!

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2023 Clearie Honorable Mention

OUTSTANDING INNOVATIONS IN
ELECTIONS



Fairfax County Office of Elections

Building an Interactive Poll Worker Portal Using No-Code Tools

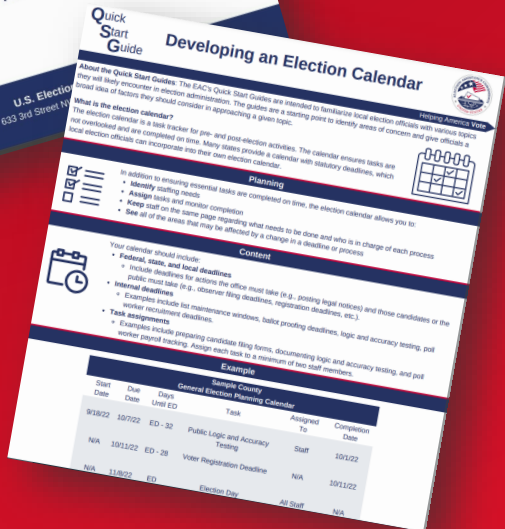
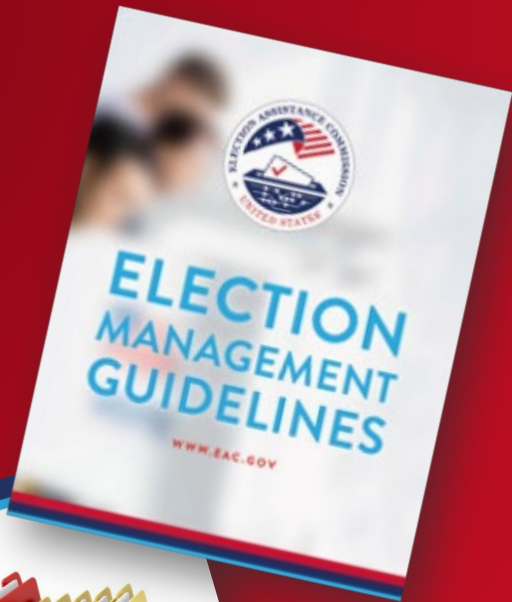
Upcoming 2024 EAVS



- Supports data-driven policy solutions to improve areas such as:
 - Military and overseas voting
 - Voting accessibility
 - Mail-in voting
 - Registration
 - Poll worker recruitment
- The **EAVS report** will be published in **Summer 2025**.

Resources for Election Officials

- Training
- Results, Canvass, and Certification
- Voter Information and Communications
- Accessibility
- Audits
- Election Security



eac.gov/election-officials

Where to Find EAC Information



Email
clearinghouse@eac.gov



YouTube Channel
[@U.S. Election Assistance Commission](https://www.youtube.com/@U.S.ElectionAssistanceCommission)



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