



U.S. Election Assistance Commission

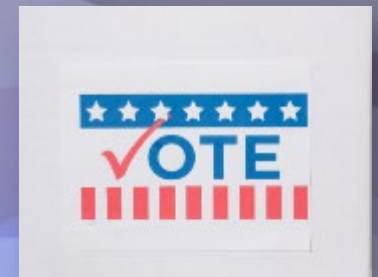
Virginia Electoral Board Association
Commissioner Donald Palmer

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EAC Mission



The U.S. Election Assistance Commission helps election officials improve the administration of elections and helps Americans participate in the voting process.



About the EAC



ASSISTING
ELECTION
OFFICIALS
AND VOTERS



- Distributes, administers and audits the use of HAVA funds
- Adopts voluntary voting system guidelines, certifies voting systems and accredits testing laboratories
- Develops guidance to meet HAVA requirements
- Serves as a national clearinghouse of information on election administration
- Maintains the National Mail Voter Registration Form

Help America Vote Act



- Established the EAC
- Improved voting system and access issues identified following the contested 2000 presidential election
- Created new mandates for states to follow in several key areas of election administration

EAC Advisory Boards



Virginia Representation

- **Local Leadership Council**

- Barbara Tabb, Electoral Board Member, Prince George County
- Brenda Cabrera, Director of Elections/General Registrar, City of Fairfax

- **Standards Board**

- Susan Beals, Commissioner of Elections, Richmond,
- Brenda Cabrera, Director of Elections/General Registrar, City of Fairfax





Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) Updates

Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG)



VVSG are a **set of specifications and requirements** against which **voting systems** can be tested to determine if the systems meet required standards.

Some factors examined under these tests include **functionality, accessibility, usability, and security capabilities.**



Test Lab Accreditation



From left to right: Traci Mapps, Vice President of SLI Compliance; Chairman Hicks; Vice Chair McCormick; Commissioner Hovland; Commissioner Palmer; Michael Santos, Director of SLI Compliance

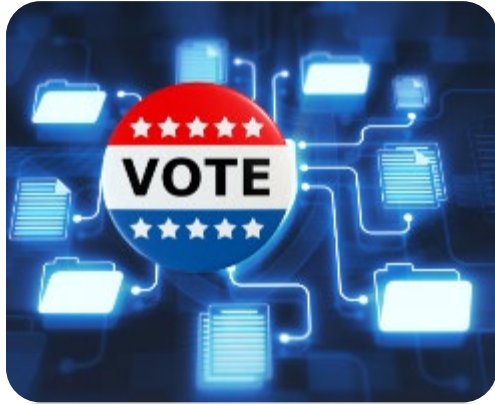
- EAC Commissioners voted to accredit **SLI Compliance** and **Pro V&V** to test voting systems to **VVSG 2.0** in late 2022.
- There are currently **no voting systems** that are certified to the VVSG 2.0.
- EAC's accreditation for both VSTLs has **never lapsed**.

Deprecation of VVSG 1.0 and 1.1



- EAC will continue to accept applications for voting systems to be tested against **VVSG 1.0 and 1.1** through **November 15, 2023**. After that point, VVSG 1.0 and 1.1 will be **deprecated**.
- VVSG 1.0 and 1.1 certified voting systems **will not be decertified** by the EAC as the result of VVSG deprecation.
- VVSG 1.0 and 1.1 certified voting systems **may continue to be used** and **do not need to be replaced or certified to VVSG 2.0**, unless otherwise dictated by individual state statute.

Communicating about VVSG Deprecation



- The EAC is finalizing materials to assist election officials with **communications** about deprecation of voting systems.
- Materials will **help reassure** the public that our voting systems are **secure and accurate**.
- **FAQs and a toolkit** will be among the first materials available on **eac.gov**.



Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP)

What is ESTEP?



- Stands for **Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program**
- Evaluates the **security** and **accessibility** of election-supporting technologies such as:
 - E-poll books
 - Electronic ballot delivery
 - Voter portals
 - Election night reporting systems

Voluntary Electronic Poll Book (EPB) Pilot



- **Four EPB manufacturers are participating in the pilot:**
 - ES&S, Knowink, Robis, & TenEx Solutions
- Each system will be tested at both federally-certified VSTLs.
- ES&S began testing in March 2023, with the other participants following in testing phases.

Voluntary Electronic Poll Book (EPB) Pilot

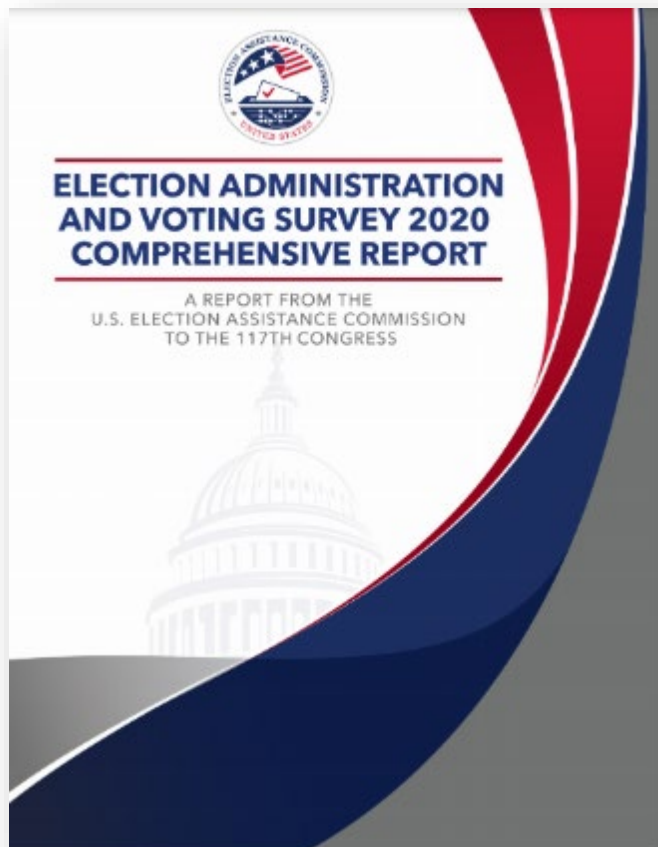


- **Once all EPB testing has concluded, the EAC will:**
 - Review lab reports
 - Gather manufacturer feedback
 - Solicit stakeholder feedback from EAC Advisory Boards, NASED, NASS, and NIST
 - Draft a comprehensive EPB pilot report of all findings



Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS)

What is the EAVS?



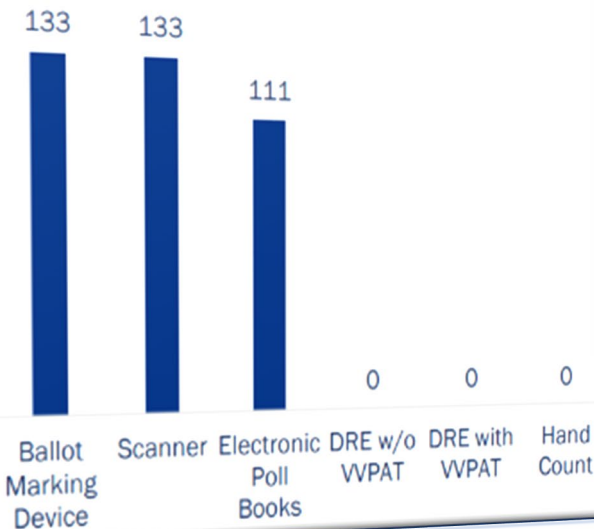
- Goes to all **50 states, DC, and U.S. territories.**
- Creates the nation's **most comprehensive report** on election administration, registration, and voting.
- It includes **national, state, and county-level** data.

2020 EAVS Data: Virginia

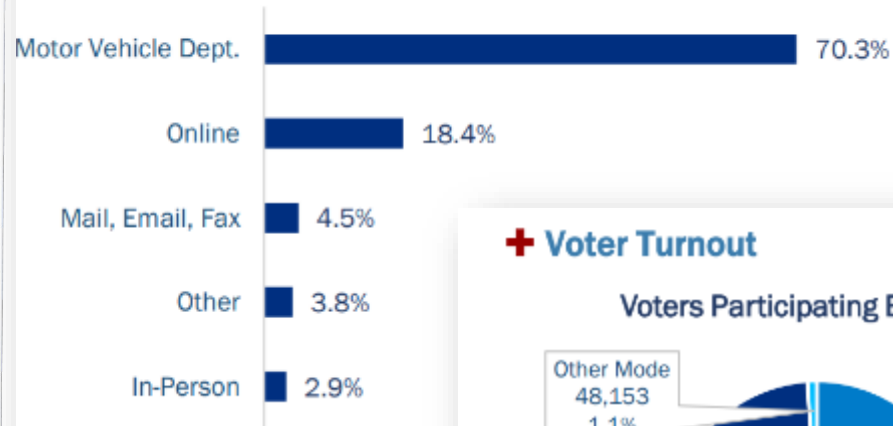


+ Election Technology

Technology Used by Jurisdictions⁹

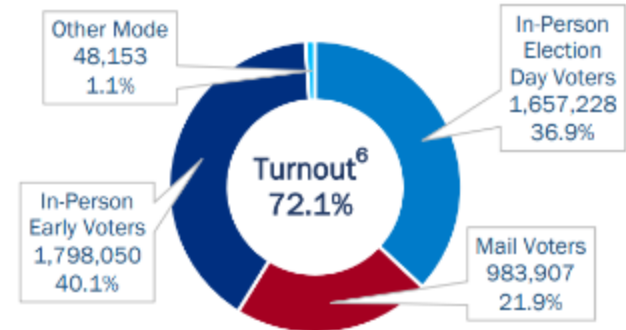


Source of Registration Applications⁴



+ Voter Turnout

Voters Participating By Mode⁵



Total Polling Locations:
 Election Day:⁷ 2,454
 Early Voting:⁸ 133



Latest EAC Resources and Programs

EAC Resources



EAC released **40** guides, toolkits, and more in 2022.



Checklist for Securing Election Night Results Reporting



Best Practices: Election Results Reporting,



Guide to the Canvass



Guide to Election Certification



Election Audits Across the United States



Communicating Election and Post-Election Processes Toolkit

Clearinghouse Division



RESOURCES FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS

- Chain of Custody Best Practices
- Guidance on HAVA Funds and COVID-19
- EAVS Data Reports
- CARES Grants
- Election Security Funds
- Cybersecurity Training
- EAC Events
- Election Officials Wheel
- Election Security Preparedness
- EAC Newsletters
- Clearinghouse Awards
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Clearinghouse Resources



Latest Resources for Election

- **Accessibility**
- **Audits**
- **Election Security**
- **In-Person Voting**
- **Language Access**
- **Results, Canvass, and Certification**
- **Toolkits**
- **Voter Information and Communications**
- **Voting Technology**

<https://www.eac.gov/election-officials>

Latest EAC Resources



Best Practices: Public Records Requests

- Highlights innovative methods election offices have used to efficiently respond to these requests.



Latest EAC Resources



Second Edition of Election Management Guidelines

- Includes 19 chapters on topics such as accessibility, voting system certification, system security, audits, ballot building, absentee voting, and recounts.



Latest EAC Resources



Voter List Maintenance Resources

- Best Practices Guide
- Fact Sheet
- Toolkit for Election Officials
- Official Voter List Accuracy and List Maintenance Public Meeting on YouTube

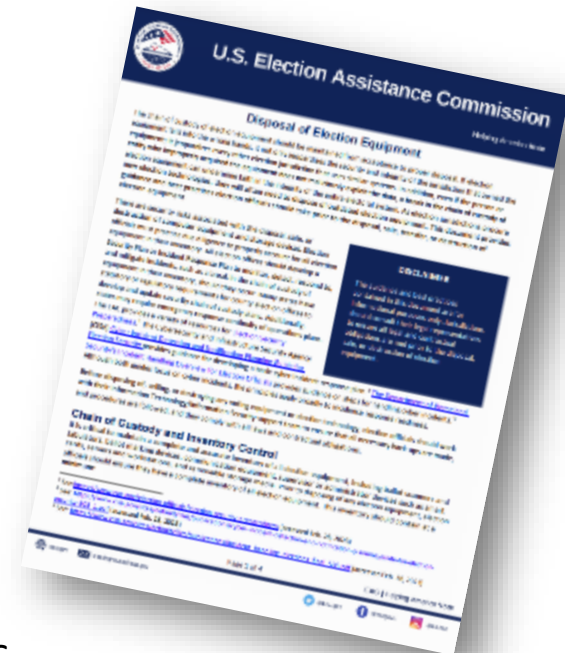


Latest EAC Resources



Disposal of Election Equipment Resource

- Provides guidance and best practices prior to the disposal, sale, or destruction of election equipment.
- Sections include:
 - Chain of Custody and Inventory Control
 - Voting Technology Purchased with HAVA Funds
 - Disposal and Destruction of Election Equipment
 - Election Equipment Disposal Checklist



EAC Toolkits



- Best Practices: FAQs for Election Officials
- National Poll Worker Recruitment Day Toolkit
- Other Federal Agency Toolkits



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Upcoming Resources



- Alternative Voting Methods Report
- Resources on:
 - How to Work with Your Legislators Guide
 - Accessibility for Voters with Disabilities
 - Communications Toolkit





EAC Administered Grants

HAVA Election Security Funds



- Virginia received about **\$19.3 million** in 2018 and 2020 combined and as of March 31, 2022, has spent **45%** of those funds.
- Virginia was allocated **\$1.57 million** in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.

HAVA College Poll Worker Grant Program



- The College Program grants are intended to:
 - Encourage student participation as poll workers or assistants
 - Foster student interest in the elections process,
 - encourage state and local governments to use students as poll workers
 - Relieve poll worker shortages
- In our FY23 budget, we received **\$1 million** to fund this grant program.





Learn more about the EAC

EAC Public Meeting - Military Voter Support

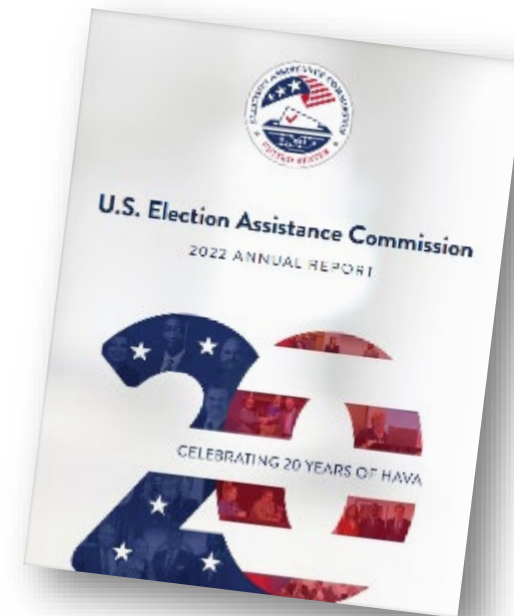


- On **Wednesday, April 26**, join the EAC for a **public meeting on military voter support**.
- Meeting will be held in the **Agency's hearing room** in Washington, DC and **live streamed** on YouTube.
- Stay tuned for more details on eac.gov!

2022 EAC Highlights



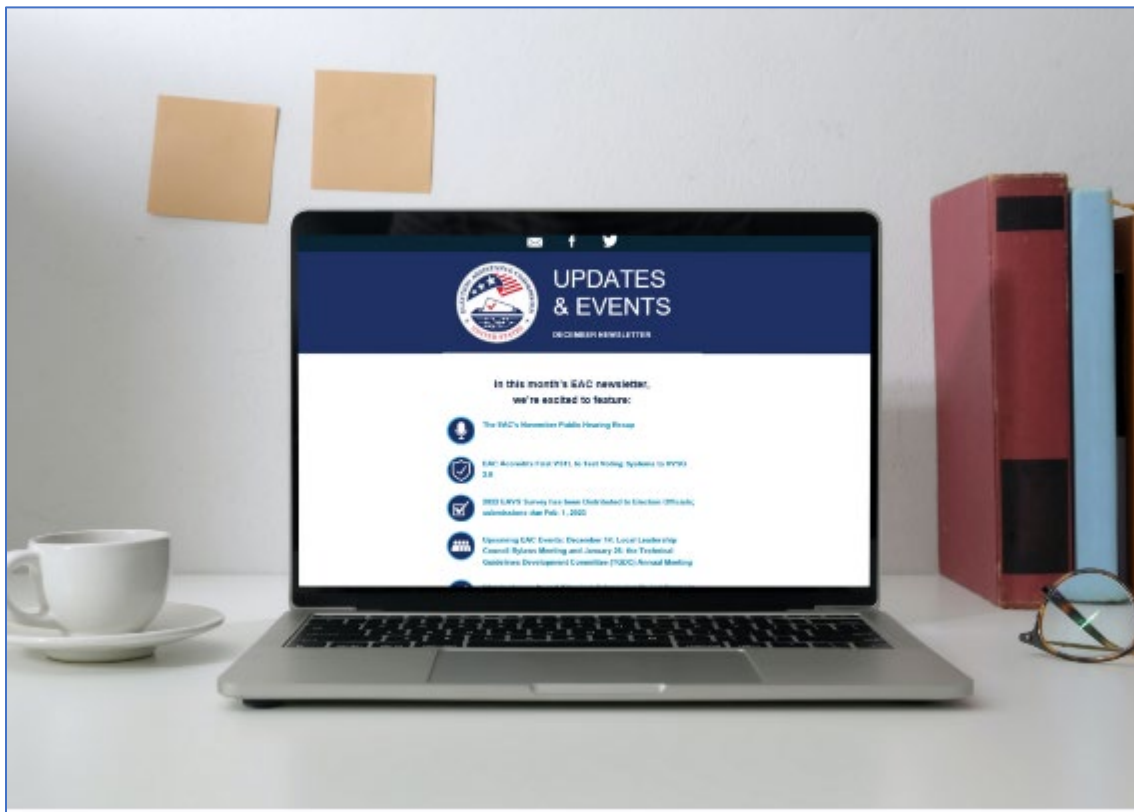
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Questions?