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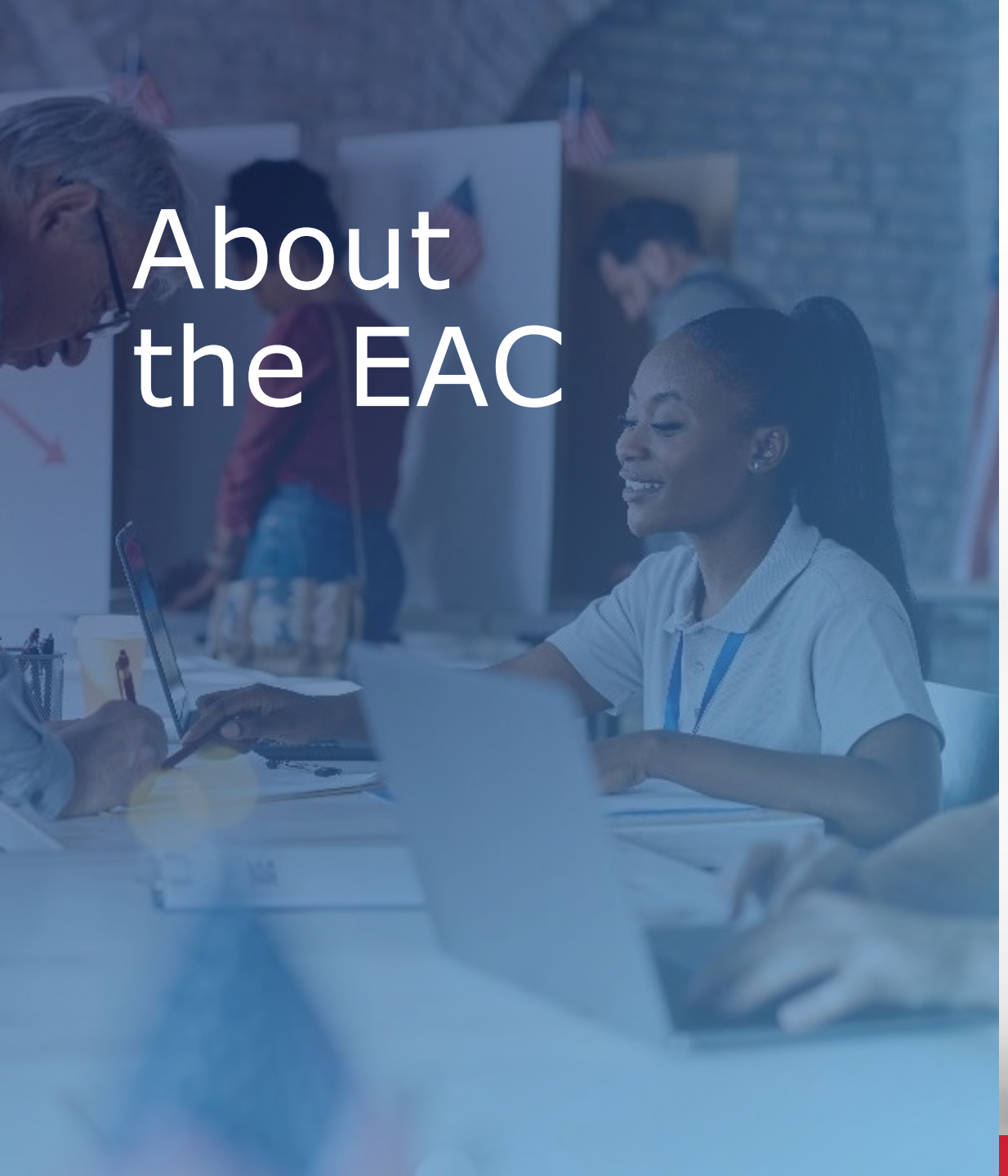
Help America Vote Act (HAVA)



About the EAC

Independent, bipartisan Commission established by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

Develops guidance to meet HAVA requirements.

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.

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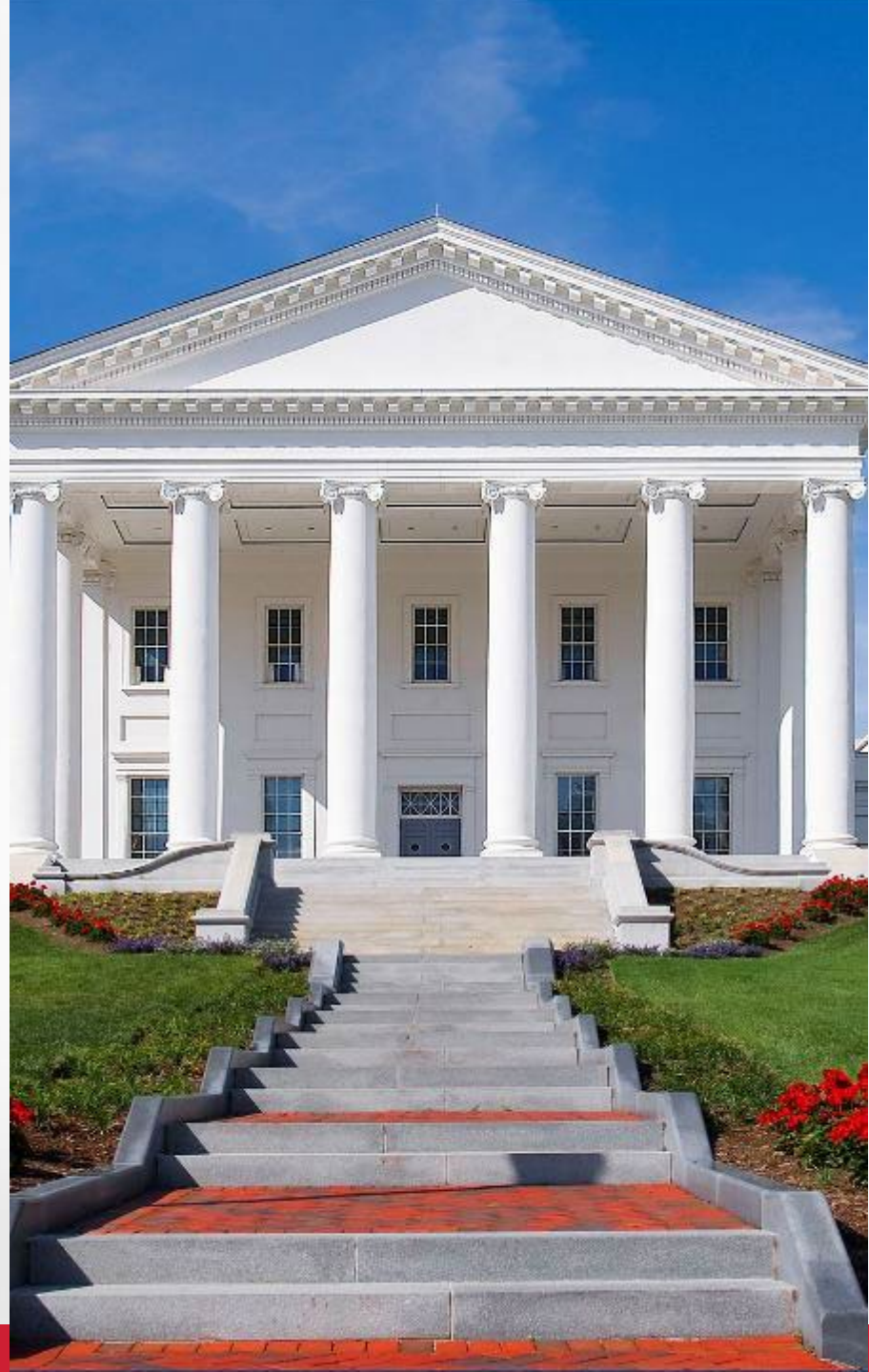
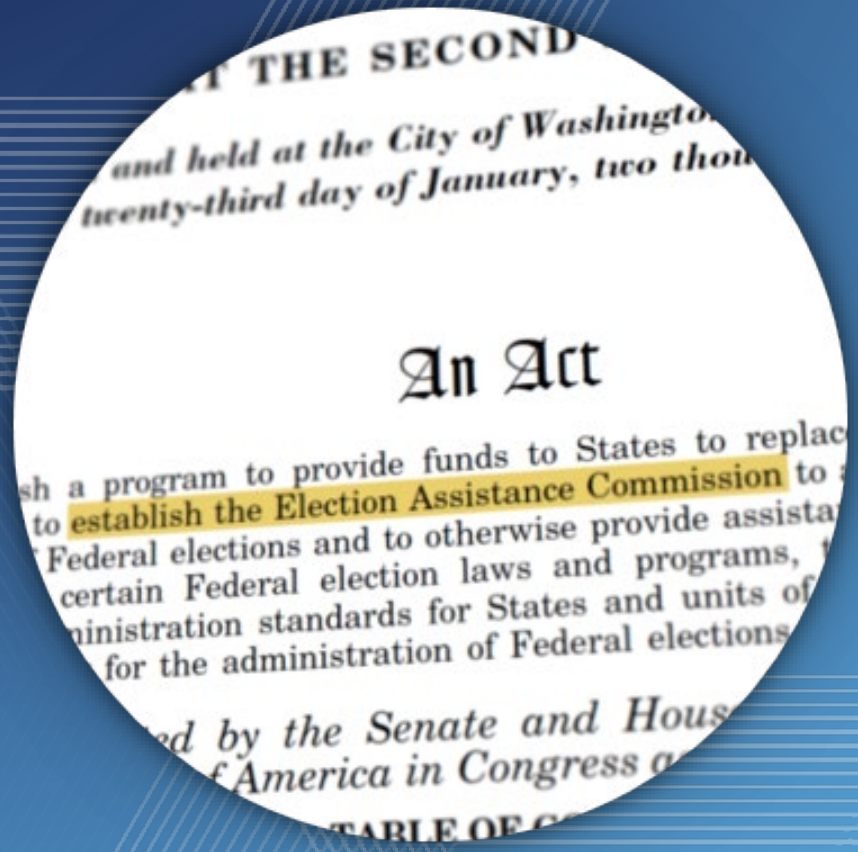


Help America Vote Act of 2002



- Replaced outdated voting systems
- Created the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC)
- Set minimum standards for election administration:
  - Accessibility
  - Provisional Voting
  - Voter Identification
  - Statewide Registration Databases

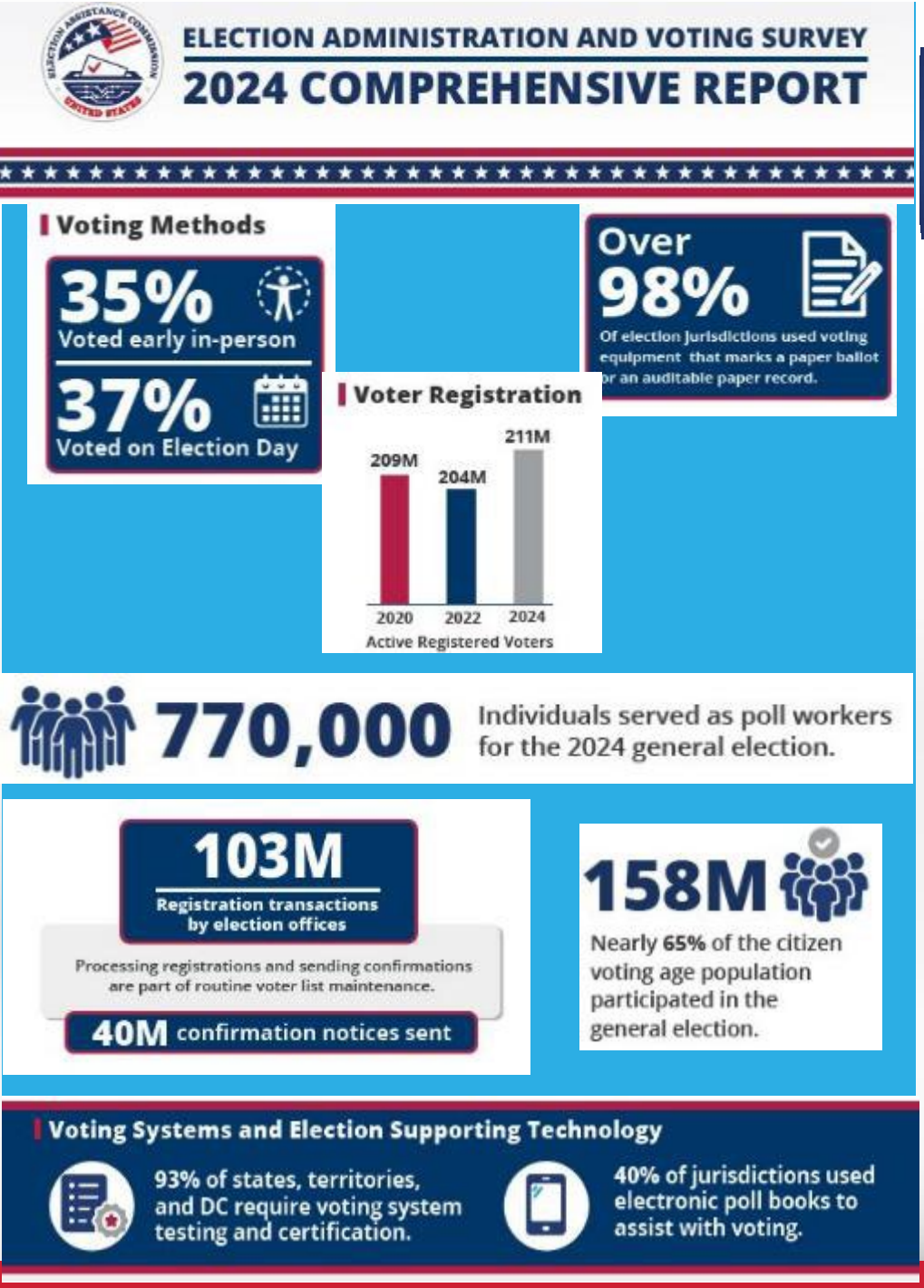
Standardization

- Voting Accuracy, Security, Accessibility
- Updated and Upgraded Voting Equipment
- Minimum Voter Identification Procedures
- Periodic reports and studies regarding election administration

Statewide Voter Registration Databases

Requires states to develop official statewide lists of registered voters and coordinate voter record with localities and state entities.

EAVS & Report



- 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 is a biennial report to Congress following each federal election

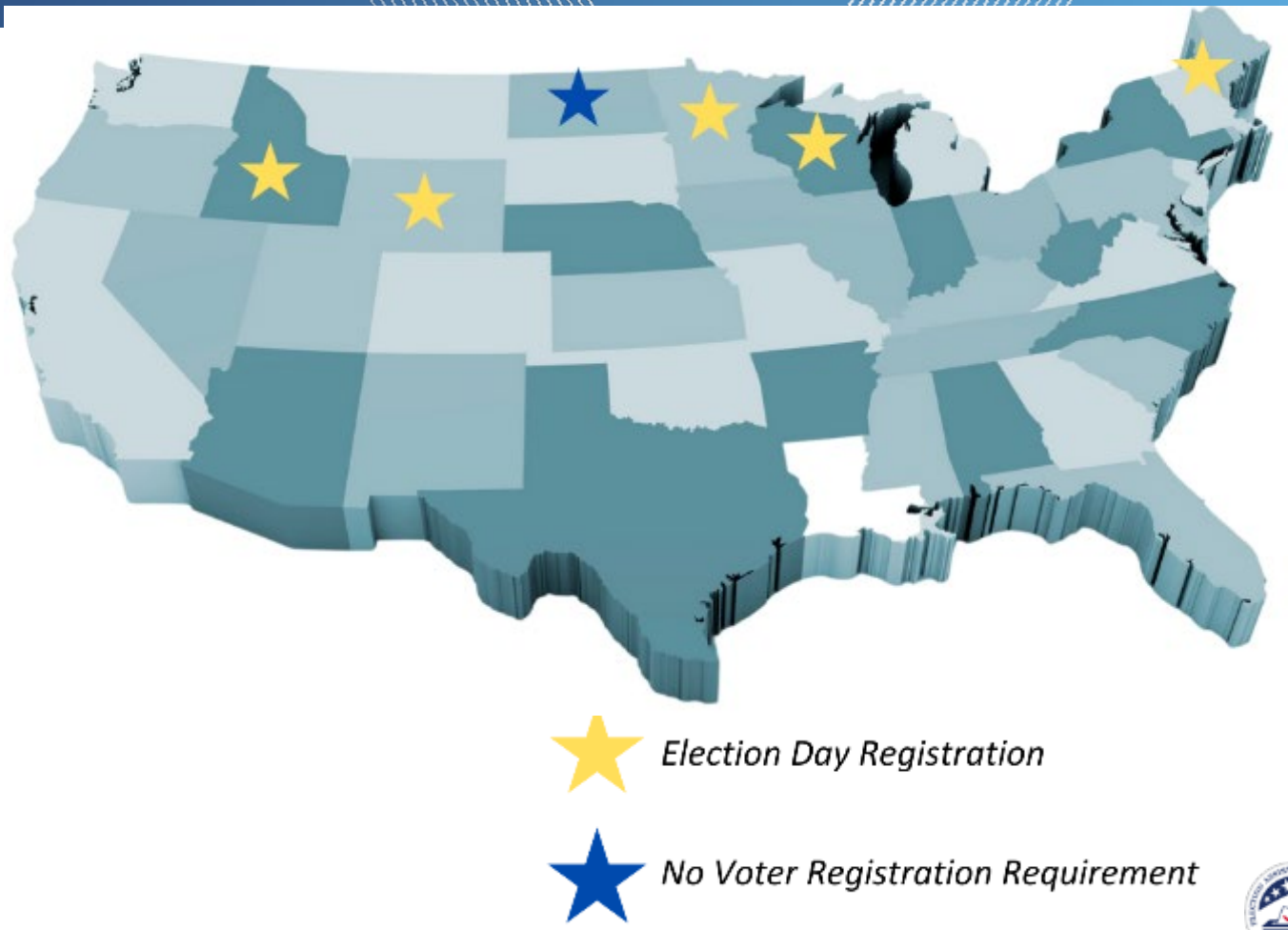
National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)

NVRA Preamble

The purposes of this Act are--
(1) to establish procedures that will increase the number of eligible citizens who register to vote in elections for Federal office;
(2) to make it possible for Federal, State, and local governments to implement this Act in a manner that enhances the participation of eligible citizens as voters in elections for Federal office;
(3) to protect the integrity of the electoral process; and
(4) to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained.

States Covered by NVRA

- Applies to 44 States and D.C.
- Exemptions
  - No voter registration requirement: ND
  - Election Day Registration at polling places as of Aug. 1, 1994: ID, MN, NH, WI, WY



NVRA Best Practices

Under the NVRA, localities need to administer a reasonable program and "make reasonable efforts" to maintain the accuracy and currency of the official voter registration list:

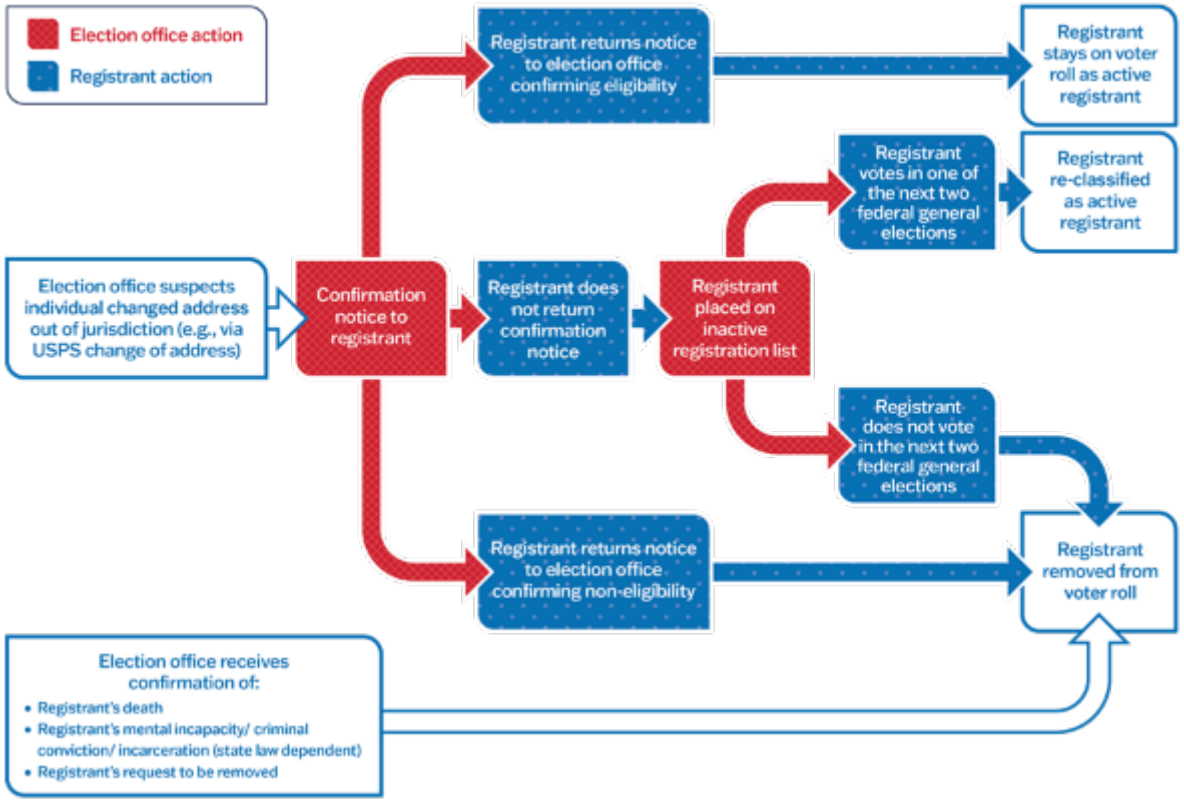
- Use National Change of Address (NCOA) and other data
- Identify Duplicates and Resolve Discrepancies
- Send targeted mailings to maintain accuracy and consider using software to assist
- Identify employee(s) to keep voter rolls accurate

Removal Reasons

Under the NVRA a voter can be removed from a state's list for the following reasons:

- The voter requests to be removed.
- The voter dies.
- The voter is declared mentally incapacitated or convicted of a specified crime (if state law requires it).
- The voter changes residences outside of the jurisdiction.

Removal Process



Voter Registration Data Resources

Information Type	Third-party Source
Death Records	• Vital Statistics • Health Department • Social Security Administration • Other Government Entities • Personal Knowledge Reports
Address Changes	• Reports from Other Election Officials • Returned Undeliverable Election Mail • USPS though the NCOA Program
Declarations of Mental Incapacitation (if applicable)	• Courts
Convictions of Specific Disqualifying Crimes (if applicable)	• Courts • Regional U.S. Attorney's Offices Government Prosecutors • Departments of Correction

Challenges & Solutions

- Keeping pace with moving voters to maintain accuracy of voter rolls
- Meeting expectations of voters
- How to increase "notifications" to election officials of address updates changes and life events
- Cost of available tools and upgrading list maintenance processes and software to latest technologies

Benefits of Accurate Lists

- **Helps reduce costs**
- Minimizes congestion or wait times at the polls
- Reduces the need to complete additional forms at the polls
- **Helps instill confidence in voters about the integrity of elections**

Other Federal Statutes & Regulations

Military and Overseas Voting

Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) & Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE)

- States must allow these citizens to register and vote – 46 days mailing of ballots deadline!
- Voters can request their ballot be delivered electronically
- Keep those email addresses and mailing addresses up to date
- Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)

Accessibility

Title II of the **Americans with Disabilities Act** (ADA) and **Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act** of 1984 (VAEHA) require:

- Accessible voting places
- Accessible voting machines
- Poll Workers trained to interact with voters with disabilities

Voting Rights Act

- If identified as Section 203 locality must recruit bilingual translators
- Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) - person allowed to request assistance

Department of Justice

The Voting Rights Section of the DOJ enforces federal laws that protect the right to vote, including the Voting Rights Act and other federal voting laws like UOCAVA, HAVA, NVRA, ADA

What the EAC Offers

Voluntary Voting System Guidelines

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.**

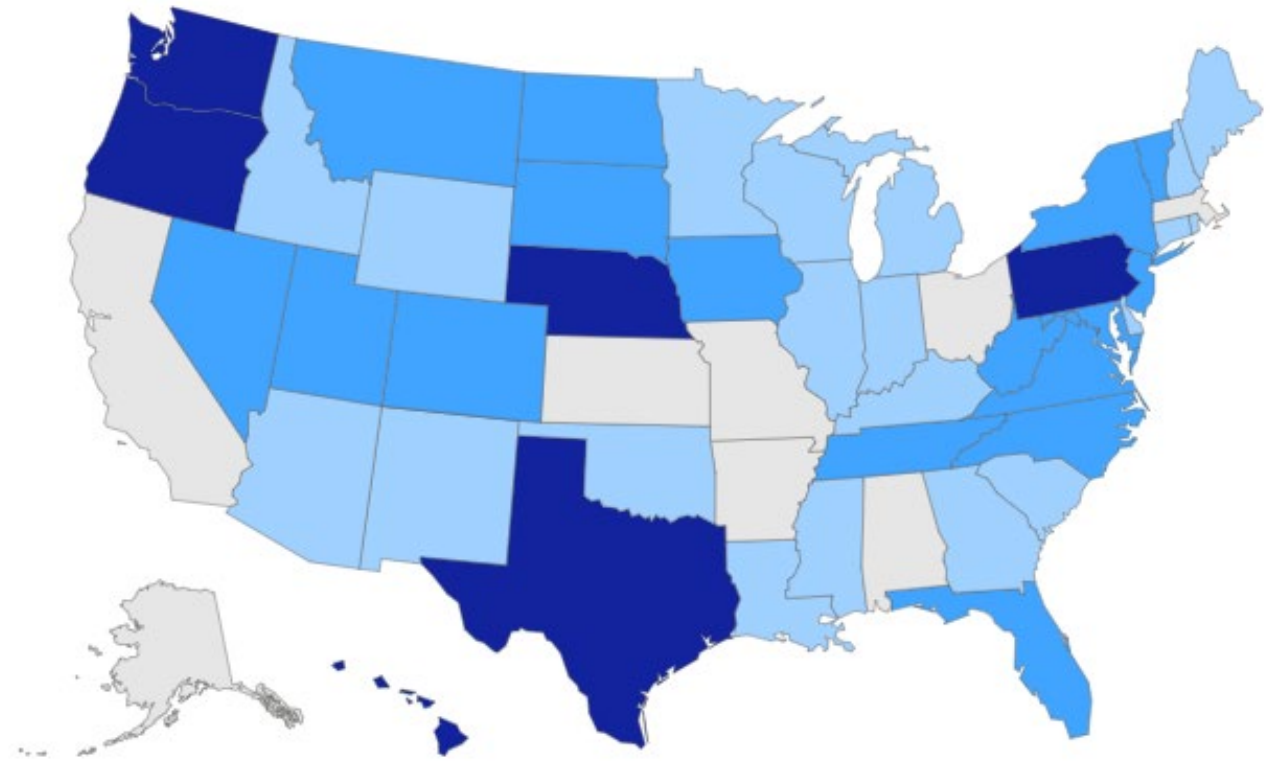
EAC Election Security Video

Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program (ESTEP)

- Electronic Poll Books
- Electronic Ballot Delivery
- Voter Registration Systems
- Election Night Reporting

For more information: ESTEP@eac.gov

Field Services Program



Assists with:

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

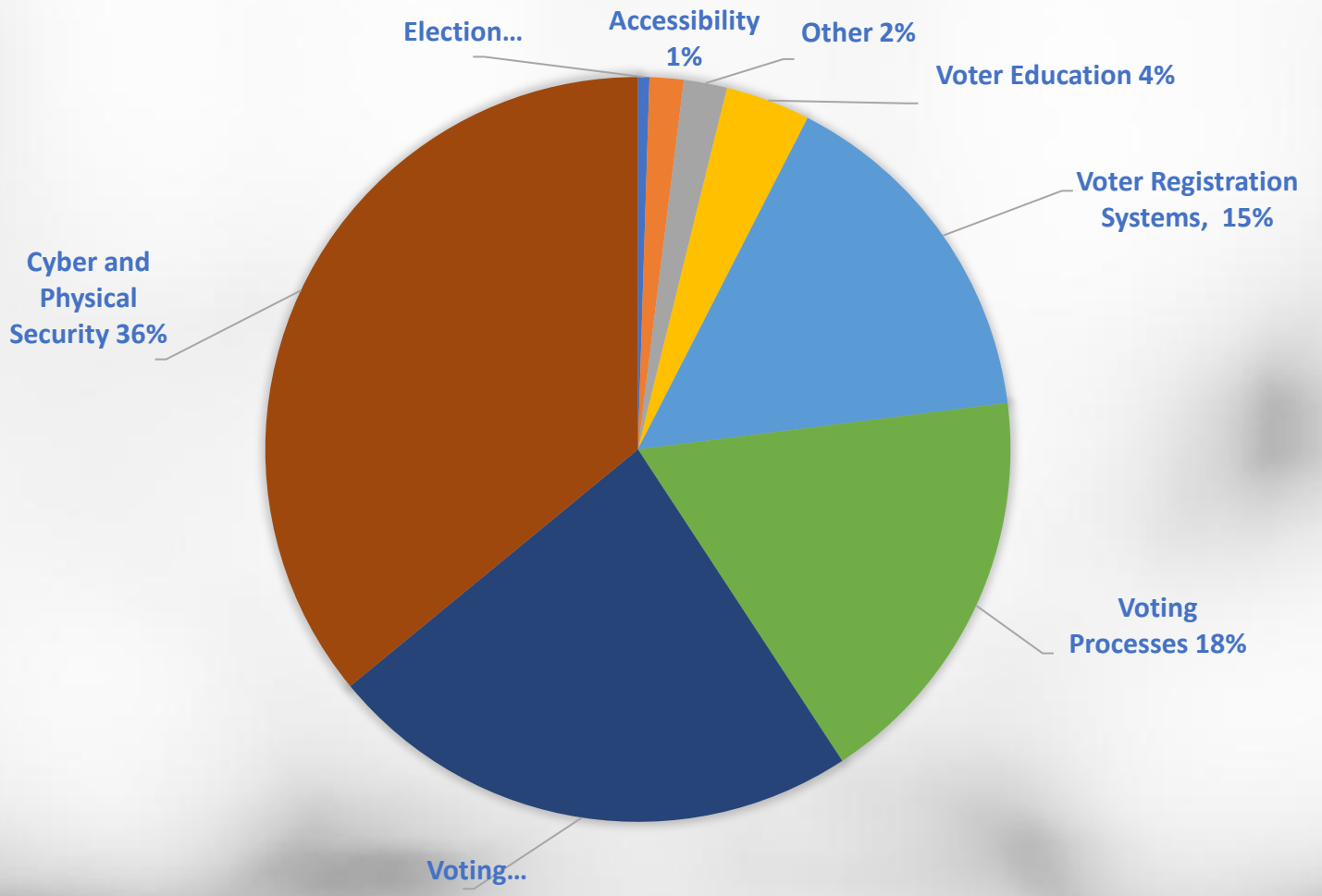
For more information contact
fieldservices@eac.gov

2026 National and State Election Scenario Training

- EAC is offering state TTX/scenario training exercises on election administration and election security to help with contingency planning at state and federal levels
- Information sharing center at EAC on Election Day – liaison with federal partners
- For more information, please reach out to clearinghouse@eac.gov

HAVA Election Security Funds

Year	Election Security Funding*
2018	$380 million
2020	$425 million
2022	$75 million
2023	$75 million
2024	$55 million
2025	$15 million
2026	$45 million
Total	**$1.07 billion**



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The Clearinghouse Community is a virtual hub where election officials across the country can connect, collaborate, and share best practices.

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Curated Resource Library
Filled with practical resources

Searchable Member Directory
By location, experience, or jurisdiction size

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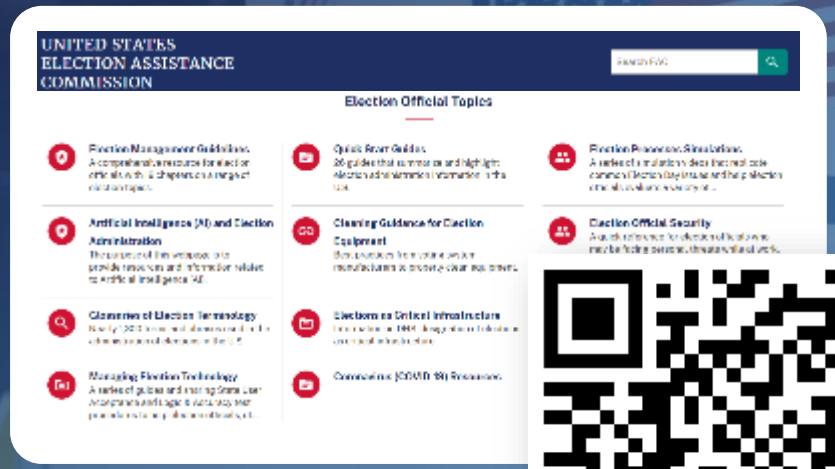
Clearinghouse Resources



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

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