U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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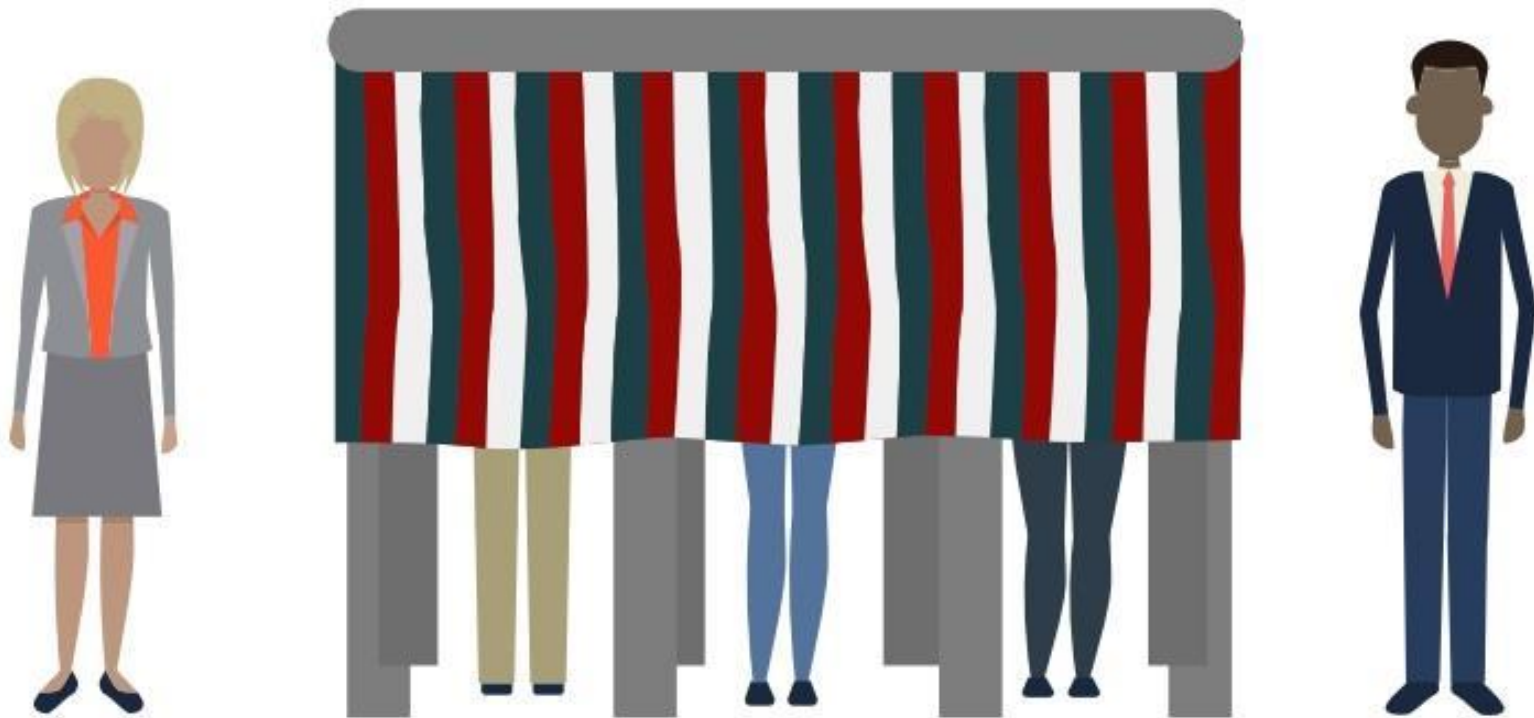
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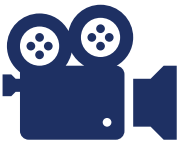
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The EAC Mission

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

What is the EAC?

Video

Help America Vote Act

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF HAVA

- 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 Commissioners

Chairman
Thomas Hicks

Vice Chair
Christy McCormick

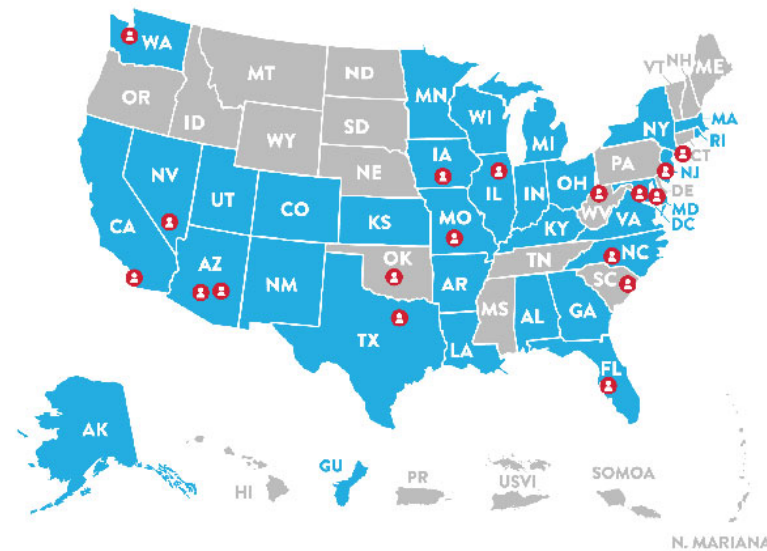Commissioner
Ben Hovland

Commissioner
Donald Palmer

- Bipartisan
- Selected by Congressional leaders of the majority and minority parties
- Appointed by the President
- Confirmed by the U.S. Senate

Role of the Commissioners

- Act as resources, advisors and conveners
- Recommend guidance and tools to assist with all phases of election administration
- Enlist the help of other government agencies, nongovernmental subject area experts, academia and others
- Brief Congress and federal officials – firsthand account of election administration from site visits and reports

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

TYPE OF ENGAGEMENT

🔴 EAC COMMISSIONER TRAVEL

🟦 EVENT PARTICIPATION

EAC COMMISSIONER TRAVEL

New York, NY	Phoenix, AZ
Las Vegas, NV	Washington, DC
Des Moines, IA	Dallas, TX
Scottsdale, AZ	Bridgeport, WV
Ocean City, MD	Tampa, FL
St. Charles, MO	Myrtle Beach, SC
Seattle, WA	Lake of the Ozarks, MO
Charlotte, NC	Oklahoma City, OK
Passaic County, NJ	San Diego, CA

EAC Advisory Boards

California Representation

- Local Leadership Council
  - Donna Johnston, Sutter County Clerk
  - Ryan Ronco, Placer County Clerk
- Standards Board
  - Susan Lapsley, Deputy Secretary of State
- Board of Advisors
  - Dean Logan, Los Angeles County Clerk

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
- Sign Up for EAC's Newsletter

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EAC Administered Grants

HAVA Election Security Funds

- Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022: $75 million in Election Security grant funds

- Total Election Security grant funds to date
  - $380 million (2018)
  - $425 million (2020)
  - $75 million (2022)
  - **$880 million Total**

- 52% expended for the 2018 and 2020 funds as of June 1, 2022

HAVA Election Security Funds

- California received about $73.5 million in 2018 and 2020 combined and as of March 31, has spent 63% of those funds
- California was allocated $5.8 million in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022

HAVA Election Security Funds

- 2018 & 2020 HAVA Grant Funds
  - Cybersecurity for all 58 counties
  - Statewide Voter Registration Database (VoteCal)
  - Vote Centers
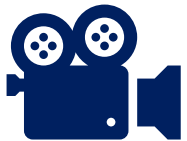 - Polling place accessibility
  - Risk Limiting Audit (RLA) tool
  - COVID-19 Response

Election Security

Election Security

Video

Certification Program

- Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG)
  - A set of specifications voting systems are testing against to determine if the systems meet standards
  - Focus on security, accessibility and usability
- Voting System Test Laboratories (VSTL)
  - VVSG 2.0 accreditation

Testing and Certification 101

- Testing and Certification 101
  - Overview of the EAC Testing and Certification Program

EAC Testing & Certification Program

Voting System Security

- Voting System Security Measures Guide
  - Broad list of common security measures, best practices and procedures to protect the integrity of an election

Election Technology Security

- Election Technology Security
 - Highlights security features that are used to protect election technology
  - Includes an icon library
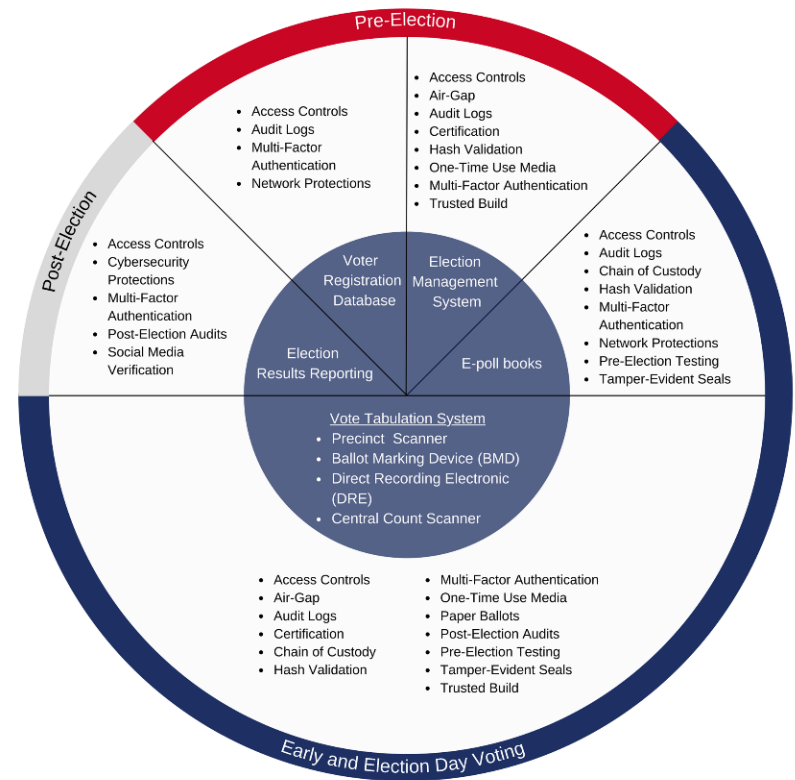
Election Security

Security Resources for Election Officials

- How to Report a Threat
- Challenges for Election Officials
- Defining Common Threats and Harassment
- Assess Your Safety
- Document Everything
- Cybersecurity Best Practices
- Self Care and Mental Health Resources
- Personal Security for Election Officials Checklist
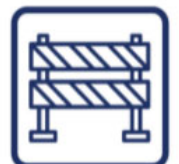
Latest EAC Resources

Clearinghouse Resources

Latest Resources for Election Officials

- 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

Language Access

Language Access Resources

California

- Current Language Access Designations

- Legal Context

- EAC Resources for Election Officials

- Other Federal Government Resources

- State and Local Jurisdiction Best Practices

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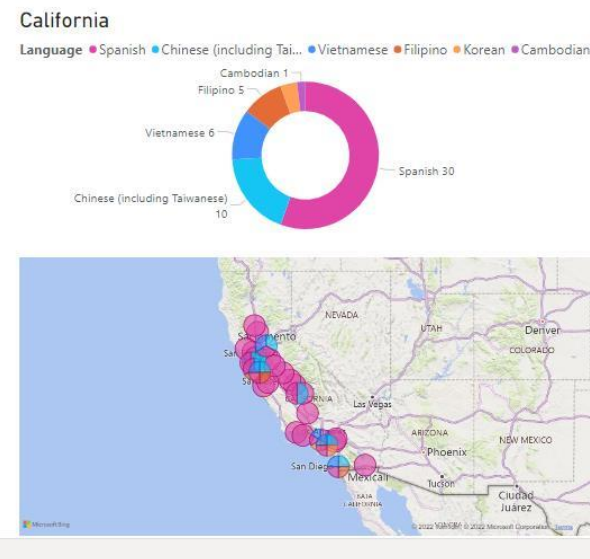
Election Results

Results, Canvass, and Certification

- Election Results Reporting

- Canvass

- Certification

- State and Local Best Practices

- Election Audits Across the United States

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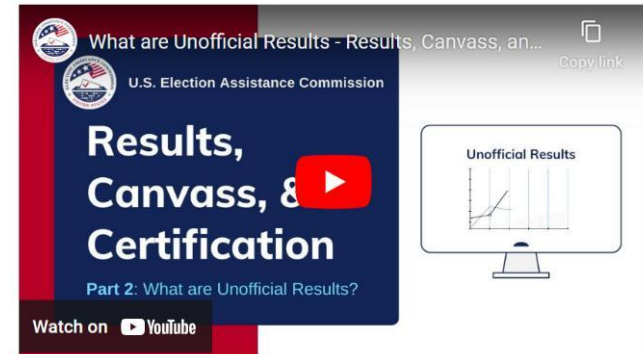
EAC Toolkits

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

eac.gov/toolkits

Coming Soon from the EAC

Upcoming Resources

- Election Management Guidelines
- Alternative Voting Methods Report
- Resources on:
  - Accessibility for Voters with Disabilities
  - How to Work with Your Legislators Guide
  - Communications 101 Toolkit

Election Administrator Portal

- Online web portal for election officials
- Compare and analyze data
- Find relevant information
- Peer-to-peer
- Receive timely alerts

Key Features of the Portal

Jurisdiction Pages

— EAC, State, Local, User pages

— Follow feature

— Query function (size, voting equipment, voting procedures, etc.)

Document Management System

— Ability to share documents and data

Message Board Feature

— Ability to network and communicate by topic

Portal Data Visualizations

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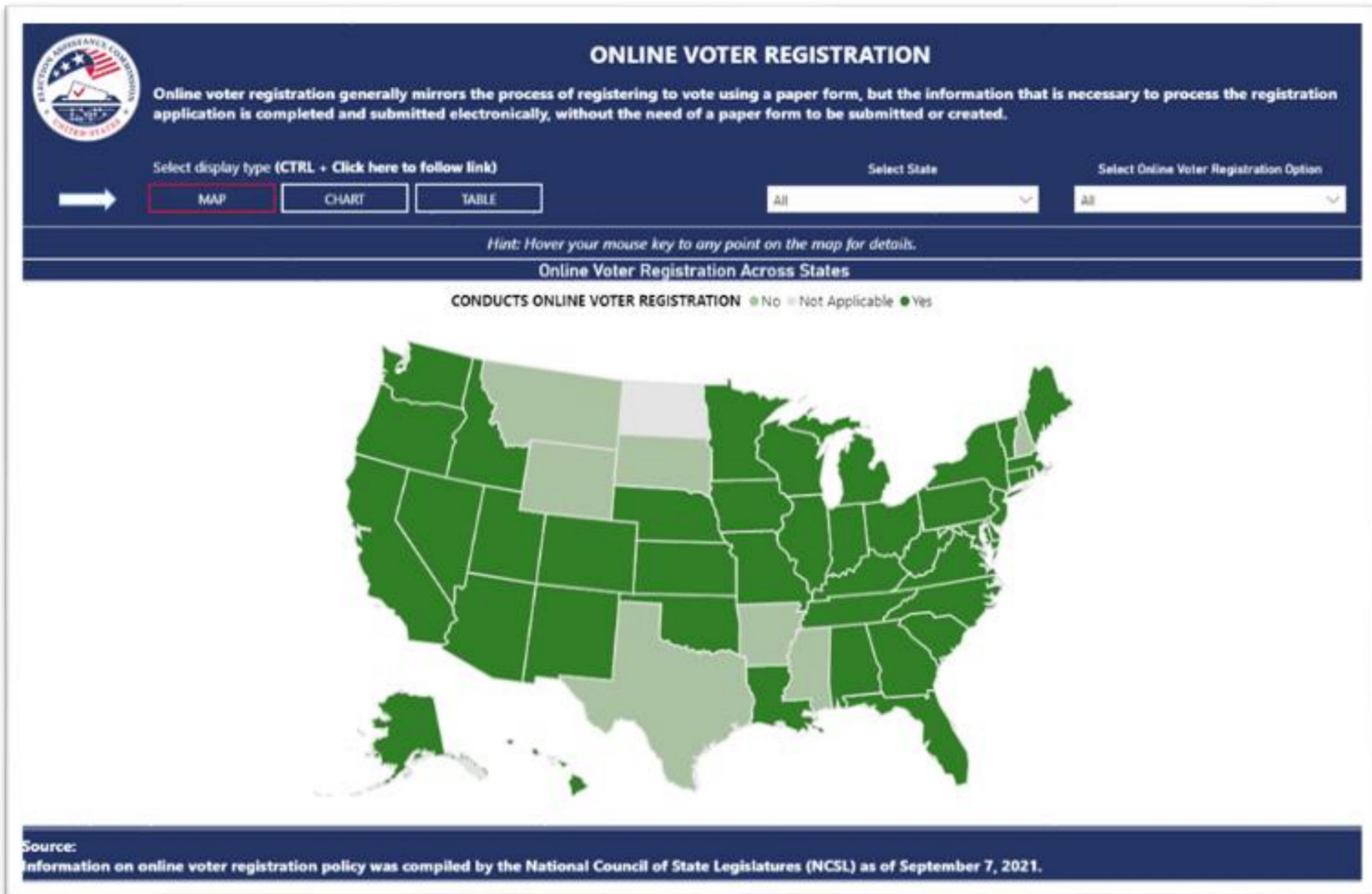
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Questions?