CHARTER OF THE U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD OF ADVISORS

Official Designation: Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) hereby Charters the Board of Advisors established in title II section 211 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) [Public Law 107-252] pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

OBJECTIVES AND DUTIES

1. The objective of the Board of Advisors (the Board) is to advise the EAC through review of the voluntary voting systems guidelines (VVSG) described in title II Part 3 of HAVA when EAC proposes updates to the VVSG; through review of the voluntary guidance described under title III subtitle B of HAVA; and through the review of the best practices recommendations contained in the report submitted under Section 242(b) of title II of HAVA.

2. The Board will function solely as an advisory body and will comply fully with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

MEMBERSHIP

1. The Board shall consist of the following:

-Two members appointed by the National Governors Association.

-Two members appointed by the National Conference

of State Legislatures.

-Two members appointed by the National Association of Secretaries of State.

-Two members appointed by the National Association of State Election Directors.

-Two members appointed by the National Association of Counties.

-Two members appointed by the National Association of County Recorders, Election Administrators, and Clerks.

-Two members appointed by the United States Conference of Mayors.

-Two members appointed by the Election Center.

-Two members appointed by the International Association of County Recorders, Election Officials, and Treasurers.

-Two members appointed by the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

-Two members appointed by the Architectural and Transportation Barrier Compliance Board under section 502 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 792).

-The chief of the Office of Public Integrity of the Department of Justice, or the chief's designee.

-The Chief of the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, or the chief's designee.

-The director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program of the Department of Defense.

-Four members representing professionals in the field of science and technology, of whom—

(A) one each shall be appointed by the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and

(B) one each shall be appointed by the Majority Leader

and the Minority Leader of the Senate.

-Eight members representing voter interests, of whom—

(A) four members shall be appointed by the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, of whom two shall be appointed by the chair and two shall be appointed by the ranking minority member; and

(B) four members shall be appointed by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, of whom two shall be appointed by the chair and two shall be appointed by the ranking minority member. (HAVA title II section 214 (a)).

2. Vacancy appointments shall be made in the same manner as the original appointments.
3. Members of the Board shall serve for a term of two years and may be reappointed.
4. The Board shall elect a Chair from among its members.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

1. The Board will report to the EAC through the Designated Federal Officer pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App.1 section 10 (e). This officer shall be an EAC Commissioner, or a member of the EAC staff designated by the Chairman of the EAC.

2. The Board will meet as necessary to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the Board. Meetings may be called at any time considered appropriate for the purposes of conducting business consistent with title II of HAVA. (HAVA title II, section 215 (a)(2)).

3. The EAC will provide clerical and other necessary support services to the Board. (HAVA title II, section 215 (d)).

4. Members of the Board will not be compensated for their services but will be reimbursed for travel expenses and subsistence. (HAVA title II section 215 (e)).

5. The Board may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as a department or agency of the Federal Government. (HAVA title II, section 215 (c)).

6. The annual cost for operating the Board is estimated at $118,600 which includes one quarter staff year for support services.

7. The Board may establish such committees of its members as may be necessary subject to the provisions of the law.

8. The Board may, by simple majority vote, adopt resolutions and make recommendations. Such resolutions and recommendations will, however, be only advisory to the EAC and will be restricted to the EAC's activities described in title II section 212 of HAVA.

9. The EAC will provide liaison services between the Board and the Advisory Panel Secretariat as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DURATION

While the duration of the Board is continuing, the Charter shall be renewed every two years from the date of the filing.

December 14, 2006

Date

Paul DeGregorio

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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