

Benjamin Hovland was nominated by President Donald J. Trump and confirmed by unanimous consent of the United States Senate on January 2, 2019 to serve on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

Previously, Commissioner Hovland served as an election attorney for the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. He has been involved with elections since 2000. Much of this time has been focused on improving access to registration and voting.

Mr. Hovland's career has most recently focused on the federal government's role in election administration and campaign finance regulation. Additionally, as the Deputy General Counsel for the Missouri Secretary of State's office, he focused on legal issues related to the administration of state and federal elections, including recounts, poll worker training, voter registration list maintenance, statewide database matching, voter education resources and ballot initiative litigation.