

Brad King - Moderator

I am a native of Omega, Indiana (population 50). Although Omega was too small to have its own town government, I developed a lively interest in the elections process that has never left me.

I received my undergraduate degree in history and political science from Indiana University, and was a student in one of the nation's first election law courses, which was offered at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William & Mary (J.D. 1981). I am a member of the California and Indiana bars.

My interest in voting system standards goes back almost to the beginning of my involvement in election administration. I served as counsel to the Indiana House and Senate Elections Committees from 1985-1990, and drafted legislation setting forth the standards and certification procedures for voting systems being used for the first time in Indiana elections.

I served as General Counsel to the Indiana State Election Board (later Commission) from 1992-1999. My duties included providing staff support and legal advice to the Indiana Voting Systems Advisory Committee, a statutory body whose membership included county election administrators and individuals with technical expertise concerning voting systems.

From 1999-2002, I served as Director of Elections for the Secretary of State of Minnesota, and supervised the voting system certification process in that state, including a revision of administrative rules concerning voting system standards.

Since 2002, I have served as Co-Director of the Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State of Indiana. My duties include the evaluation of voting system applications, submitting recommendations to the Indiana Election Commission regarding whether voting systems should be approved, and if so, under what conditions; preparing and providing information regarding legislation to update voting system statutes; and bringing enforcement proceedings before the Indiana Election Commission when uncertified versions of voting systems have been sold for use in Indiana elections.

In 2005, I drafted legislation at the request of the Secretary of State which led to the establishment of the Voting System Technical Oversight Program (VSTOP). VSTOP is modeled on the pioneering voting system work of Kennesaw State University in Georgia, and has been established at the Bowen Center, Ball State University. During the last several years, VSTOP has successfully performed a wide variety of tasks related to voting system certification, including the first state-level testing of voting systems for certification in Indiana, and the collection and analysis of local government contracts for the purchase and maintenance of voting systems.

I currently serve as Vice-Chair of the Standards Board. I am chair of the By-Laws committee, and a member of the Resolutions committee. I also serve as Vice-President of the National Association of State Election Directors (NASSED) Executive Board.