



**Statement by Election Assistance Commission Chair Donetta
Davidson**

*Regarding States' Requests for Changes to State Instructions on the National
Voter Registration Form*

AUSTIN, Texas (December 11, 2007) -- Over the last few months the Commission has tried to reach a consensus on an interim policy for processing these requests. No consensus had been reached as of this morning.

The ideal situation would have been to first adopt an interim policy, then apply it to these state requests.

But we cannot wait any longer. We have specific requests from five states to change the instructions on the form, and we have a responsibility to the voters to make sure the national form is accurate and up-to-date. That is why I have called for a commission vote on each request. The voters expect and deserve leadership and action from the EAC on this issue, and they expect and deserve it now.

Every day we do not make a decision, we run the risk of disenfranchising voters.

I thank the EAC staff for working with all of us to try and reach consensus. You have done your part, now the commissioners must do ours.

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