

**STANDARDS BOARD**

**U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

**April 17, 2026**

**RESOLUTION BY THE EAC STANDARDS BOARD**

WHEREAS, the bipartisan U.S. Election Assistance Commission has unanimously made the following recommendation, titled as Recommendation 7, to Congress in its 2025 Annual Report:

“The statutorily mandated Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) is charged with helping the Executive Director of the Commission develop the voluntary voting system guidelines. Currently, the TGDC is chaired by the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). All other members are appointed jointly by the Commission and the Director of NIST.

As the voluntary voting system guidelines are the core responsibility of the EAC and only a secondary consideration for the Director of NIST, there have been long delays in getting members of the committee appointed. Currently [as of January 31, 2026], there are five pending nominations for the 14-member committee, limiting the feedback and ability to reach a quorum to conduct business.

As such, the EAC recommends removing the joint appointment language allowing the EAC to appoint members. This would create efficiencies in allowing vacancies to be filled faster, ensuring full membership when the TGDC is required to meet.”;

WHEREAS, Section 221 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), codified as 52 U.S.C. § 20961, guarantees Standards Board representation on the Technical Guidelines Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, issues identified by the EAC in its 2025 Annual Report have prevented full Standards Board representation on the Technical Guidelines Development Committee for several years.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Standards Board, that the Membership strongly supports that the Commissioners of the bipartisan Election Assistance Commission correct the issues regarding the Technical Guidelines Development Committee appointment process identified in Recommendation 7 of its 2025 Annual Report, and/or implement other mechanisms for streamlining the prompt appointment process for members, excluding other members specified by Section 221(c)(1)(E).

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