



To: **State and Local Election Officials**  
From: **U.S. Election Assistance Commission**  
Date: **May 2026**  
RE: **Compliance Dates Extended for DOJ Rule on Accessibility of Web Content and Mobile Apps Provided by State and Local Governments**

## Memorandum

### Key Updates

#### Compliance Dates Extended

On April 20, 2026, the Department of Justice (DOJ) issued an [Interim Final Rule \("IFR"\)](#) revising the regulations implementing Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to extend the compliance dates for web content and mobile application accessibility requirements.

The compliance date for state and local government entities with a total population of **50,000 or more** is extended **until April 26, 2027**. The compliance date for public entities with a population of **less than 50,000** or any special district government is extended **until April 26, 2028**.

### Background

On April 24, 2024, the Federal Register published the [DOJ's final rule](#) updating its regulations for Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Title II of the ADA mandates that all programs, activities, and services provided by state and local governments, including departments and agencies, provide equal access to people with disabilities.

The rule clarified for state and local governments what they have to do to comply with the ADA as it relates to web and mobile applications. The rule set a specific minimum technical standard that state and local governments must follow to meet this obligation, the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\), Version 2.1, Level AA](#). These standards may apply to various election items such as electronic sample ballots, electronic voter registration systems, ballot-tracking applications, and other election web and mobile applications.

## Additional Federal Government Resources

- [DOJ Fact Sheet: New Rule on the Accessibility of Web Content and Mobile Apps Provided by State and Local Governments](#)  
This fact sheet gives a summary of the rule. It provides introductory information about the rule's requirements, including technical standards and deadlines.
- [General Services Administration \(GSA\) Section 508](#)  
The GSA is tasked under [Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act](#) to provide technical assistance to help federal agencies comply with Section 508 requirements, and ensure that covered information communication technology (ICT) is accessible to, and usable by, individuals with disabilities. The site includes resources on accessible acquisition, content creation, accessible design and development, accessibility testing, and accessibility training and events.
- [U.S. Web Design System](#)  
USWDS is an active open-source community of government engineers, content specialists, and designers.
- [EAC Web and Mobile Accessibility Two-Pager](#)  
This document covers the technical standards for accessible websites and mobile applications and outlines steps election officials can take to address web and mobile accessibility.
- [EAC Web and Mobile Accessibility Video](#)  
This training video covers the technical standards for accessible websites and mobile applications and outlines steps election officials can take to make sure their resources are accessible.
- [EAC Social Media Accessibility Video](#)  
This training video outlines five key tips for election officials to make sure their social media content is accessible to the widest audience.
- [EAC Website Accessibility Video](#)  
This training video explains what makes a website accessible and the legal guidelines governing accessibility.
- [EAC Videos and Forums Accessibility Video](#)  
This training video addresses the need and ways to make voter-related videos, video players, and meetings accessible to all users.
- [EAC Digital Accessibility Video](#)  
This training video describes how all electronic election information, particularly online forms, must be fully accessible and provide a comparable experience to voters without disabilities.