



Statement by Vice-Chair Thomas Hicks

August 13, 2015

Regarding EAC Advisory on the Use of HAVA Funds for Criminal Investigation

Relying on the recommendations and conversations with staff and the Inspector General, I approve this recommendation. States have used HAVA funds for list maintenance since first receiving funds from the Federal Government. I would urge Iowa to move away from calling this position a Criminal Investigator.

The title above could lead to voter intimidation, possible inadvertently voter suppression, when the goal should purely be maintaining an accurate voter file.

I also have concerns of the rate of pay for each year of two not to exceed \$140,000. The sums seem a bit excessive and could be spent more efficiently elsewhere.