

RESOLUTION 2007-1

Whereas, Commissioner Paul S. DeGregorio was nominated by the President and confirmed by unanimous consent of the U.S. Senate on December 9, 2003, to serve on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission; and,

Whereas, Commissioner DeGregorio served as chairman of the United States Election Assistance Commission in 2006, after serving as the agency's vice chairman in 2005; and,

Whereas, Commissioner DeGregorio's service on the United States Election Assistance Commission will end later this year upon the confirmation of his successor by the United States Senate; and

Whereas, Commissioner DeGregorio has dedicated his life to a distinguished international career furthering the promotion of democracy worldwide through the conduct of fair and open elections; and,

Whereas, Commissioner DeGregorio has served the United States Election Assistance Commission, the election community and the people of the United States with great distinction and honor and brought great credit upon himself and his country through his selfless service.

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Advisors wishes to express its sincere thanks to Commissioner Paul DeGregorio for his dedicated public service during his tenure on the United States Election Assistance Commission and for his lifetime of dedicated service to the causes of democracy and election reform, and expresses its best wishes for continued success.

A True Record Attest:

Christopher M. Thomas

Chair of the Board of Advisors

Passed by a unanimous voice vote and a standing ovation of members present on January 24, 2007.



RESOLUTION 2007-2

Whereas, the Election Assistance Commission is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act; and

Whereas, The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-252) provides in Subtitle C – Studies and Other Activities To Promote Effective Administration of Federal Elections, and

Whereas, Section 241 (b)(10) of said law recites one study:

The feasibility and advisability of conducting elections for Federal office on different days, at different places, and during hours, including the advisability of establishing a uniform closing time and establishing:

- (A) a legal public holiday under section 6103 of title 5, United States Code, as the date on which general elections for Federal office are held;
- (B) the Tuesday next after the 1st Monday in November, in every even numbered year, as a legal public holiday under such section;
- (C) a date other than the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, in every even numbered year as the date on which general elections for Federal office are held; and
- (D) any date described in subparagraph (C) as a legal public holiday under such section;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the U.S. Election Assistance Commission informs the Board of Advisors at the next Board of Advisors Meeting as to the status of implementing the above statutory provision.

A True Record Attest:

Christopher M. Thomas Chair of the Board of Advisors



RESOLUTION 2007-3

Whereas, the Election Assistance Commission is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act; and,

Whereas, The U.S. Supreme Court suggested in 2000 that within a state, uniform rules for vote counting may be constitutionally required; and,

Whereas, The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) required a statewide uniform definition of a vote; and,

Whereas, some states, and particularly some states for whom voter intent is relevant to determining if a vote is cast and counted, have appeared to fail to develop clear and unambiguous, statewide, uniform definitions for a vote;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Advisors recommends to the United States Election Assistance Commission that it expeditiously, and no later than September 2007, provide guidance to states and territories of appropriate examples of a HAVA compliant uniform definition of a vote;

A True Record Attest:

Christopher M. Thomas

Chair of the Board of Advisors



RESOLUTION 2007-4

Whereas, the Election Assistance Commission is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act; and,

Whereas, the EAC is required by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to provide guidelines to ensure that voting systems are usable and accessible for persons with disabilities;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Advisors recommends to the United States Election Assistance Commission that it describe how voting systems are currently evaluated for accessibility, usability and privacy; and,

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Advisors recommends to the United States Election Assistance Commission that it describe how laboratories are evaluated for their capacity to conduct accessibility, usability, and privacy conformance testing to VVSG 2005;

A True Record Attest:

Christopher M. Thomas

Chair of the Board of Advisors



RESOLUTION 2007-5

Whereas, the Election Assistance Commission is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act; and

Whereas, the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) established new requirements for voting systems that affected every state, the District of Columbia, and the other U.S. territories; and

Whereas, many states have established new requirements for voting system standards;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Advisors recommends to the United States Election Assistance Commission that it invite major voting system manufacturers in the United States to testify before the U.S. Election Assistance Commission on the preparedness of each vendor to make modifications and/or enhancements to their voting systems in order to correct problems in order to meet the needs of individual states and election jurisdictions that came to light in 2006.

A True Record Attest:

Christopher M. Thomas Chair of the Board of Advisors



RESOLUTION 2007-6

Whereas, the United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act; and

Whereas, the ability of the EAC to conduct accurate and timely research is necessary; and

Whereas, the ability of the EAC to respond with information which can assist policy makers and Congress in time to respond to proposed legislation; and

Whereas, during election cycles it is urgent that the EAC have an ability to survey states and local election offices about current practices in order to make recommendations in time to positively effect election practices during current elections;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Advisors recommends that Congress grant a permanent exemption from the Paperwork Reduction Act for the United States Election Assistance Commission.

A True Record Attest:

Christopher M. Thomas Chair of the Board of Advisors