

## **2008 Election Administration & Voting Survey**

Section 202 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requires EAC to serve as a national clearinghouse and resource for the compilation of information and review of procedures with respect to the administration of Federal elections. Section 202(3) authorizes EAC to conduct studies and to carry out other duties and activities to promote the effective administration of Federal elections.

Every two years, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission collects election administration-related data from the country's 55 states and territories. The 2008 Election Administration and Voting Survey instrument is divided into two sections. Section A (the quantitative portion) captures information pertaining to the National Voter Registration Act, the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, and other election administration issues such as the casting and counting of provisional ballots and poll worker recruitment. Section B is the Statutory Overview, which asks states a series of questions about their states laws, definitions, and procedures. This information will help the EAC and other stakeholders to understand the information provided in Section A, thereby providing a fuller picture of the landscape of U.S. election administration. The results from this data collection effort will be the basis for a series of reports to the public and Congress throughout 2009.