



U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
STANDARDS BOARD

RESOLUTION 2010-04

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

Whereas, according to the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), the absentee ballot return rate is 67% for UOCAVA voters compared with 91% of regular absentee voters and the largest percentage of failure (74%) for UOCAVA absentee by mail voters takes place on the return transmittal of the ballot;

Whereas, the EAC, as required by the Congress as part of the Military and Overseas Voting Empowerment (MOVE) Act, has created a “UOCAVA Roadmap” (hereinafter Roadmap) in conjunction with the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) and the FVAP which requires the EAC to provide “best practices or standards in accordance with electronic absentee voting guidelines”;

Whereas, this Roadmap lays out a series of steps and deliverables, including pilots, with the ultimate goal of testable requirements for voting systems to serve the UOCAVA voting population;

Whereas, this Roadmap has set a goal for the EAC to identify high-level, non-testable guidelines for remote electronic absentee voting systems, focusing on the desirable characteristics of such systems and serve as a needs analysis for future pilot projects and research, and driving industry to implement solutions to recurring problems of remote voting;

Resolved, the EAC will coordinate the Roadmap with its advisory boards, (including the Standards Board) and NIST to apply the NIST Risk Management Framework and other methods in identifying security controls and technologies to mitigate security concerns and use this information to compare the current process UOCAVA voters use to vote with potential remote electronic absentee voting processes and assess the desired security protocols for both in guidelines development.

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