
Connecticut

*Help America Vote Act
(HAVA) Complaint
Process Guide*

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State Guide to HAVA & Election Complaint Process

This is a guide to your state's laws relating to the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and other election related complaints.

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What is the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)?

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According to the EAC.gov website:

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 was passed by the United States Congress to make sweeping reforms to the nation's voting process. HAVA addresses improvements to voting systems and voter access that were identified following the 2000 election. HAVA mandates that EAC test and certify voting equipment, maintain the National Voter Registration form and administer a national clearinghouse on elections that includes shared practices, information for voters and other resources to improve elections.

HAVA creates new mandatory minimum standards for states to follow in several key areas of election administration. The law provides funding to help states meet these new standards, replace voting systems and improve election administration. HAVA also established the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to assist the states regarding HAVA compliance and to distribute HAVA funds to the states. EAC is also charged with creating voting system guidelines and operating the federal government's first voting system certification program. EAC is also responsible for maintaining the National Voter Registration form, conducting research, and administering a national clearinghouse on elections that includes shared practices, information for voters and other resources to improve elections. HAVA requires that the states implement the following new programs and procedures:

- Provisional Voting
- Voting Information
- Updated and Upgraded Voting Equipment
- Statewide Voter Registration Databases
- Voter Identification Procedures
- Administrative Complaint Procedures

How do I file a HAVA complaint?

[Link to HAVA Complaint Process](#)

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Sec. 9-7b-82. Help America Vote Act Complaints

A person who believes that a violation of Title III of the Federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, 42 USC 15481 to 15502, inclusive, as amended from time to time, has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur may file a complaint with the [State Elections Enforcement] Commission. Such complaints may encompass voting system standards, identification requirements for voting at federal elections if registration was by mail, statewide computerized voter registration and list maintenance², provisional ballot voting, voting information requirements and content of voter registration forms, and shall be subject to the uniform and non-discriminatory complaint process set forth in sections 9-7b-83 to 9-7b-97, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

How do I file a non-HAVA election complaint?

[Link to Complaint Process](#)

[Link to Complaint Form](#)

The State Elections Enforcement Commission is responsible for the investigation and enforcement of alleged violations of the election laws. The State Elections Enforcement Commission is designed to handle complaints and alleged violations of election laws. Therefore, the State Elections Enforcement Commission will be the agency charged with the implementation of the administration complaint procedure.

All complaints shall be in writing and sworn to under oath by the individual submitting the complaint .

Who can I contact regarding an election related complaint?

Secretary of State's Office—Elections Division	
Physical Address:	55 Farmington Avenue Hartford, CT 06105
Mailing Address:	State Elections Enforcement Commission 55 Farmington Ave Hartford, CT 06105
Phone Number:	860-256-2940
Fax Number:	860-256-2981
Email Webform:	SEEC@ct.gov
Complaint Webform:	https://portal.ct.gov/seec