Indiana

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)?

<u>Link to HAVA Statute</u> Link to Election Assistance Commission

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 Complaint Process Link to Complaint Form

A person who believes there is a violation of any provision of Title III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), 52 U.S.C. § 21081 through 52 U.S.C. § 21085, including a violation that has occurred, is occurring, or is about to occur, may file a complaint with the Indiana Election Division using HAVA Title III Violation complaint form (IEC-24).

Title III of HAVA establishes requirements for the use of uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration by states when conducting a federal election.

How do I file an election related complaint?

Link to Election Complaint Process Voter Registration Complaint Form

A person who believes they have been aggrieved by a violation of any provision of National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA), 52 U.S.C. § 20501 et. seq., or any Indiana voter registration law (IC 3-7) may file a complaint with the co-directors of the Indiana Election Division (Indiana NVRA officials) using the NVRA & State Voter Registration Violation Complaint form (VRG-25).

If your complaint does not allege a violation of the NVRA or Indiana voter registration law, do not file your complaint on this form. Instead, if you have a complaint regarding an election law violation, please file a separate written statement and file it with either the county eletion board in the county where the alleged incident occurred or with the Indiana Election Commission.

Who can I contact regarding an election related complaint?

Indiana Election Division	
Physical Address:	302 W. Washington Street, Room E-204 Indianapolis, IN 46204
Mailing Address:	302 W. Washington Street, Room E-204 Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone Number:	317-232-3939
Fax Number:	317-233-6793
Email Address:	elections@iec.in.gov
County Election Boards:	https://indianavoters.in.gov/CountyContact/Index

Office of the Attorney General Administrative & Regulatory Enforcement Litigation	
Address:	Indiana Government Center South 302 W. Washington St., 5th Floor Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone Number:	317-232-6201
Fax Number:	317-232-7979
E-mail:	https://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/contact-us/general-comments-questions-and-concerns/
Website:	https://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/about-the- office/litigation/