
South Carolina

*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](#)

[Link to Form](#)

Any person who believes a violation of HAVA Title III has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur may file a complaint. The [complaint form](#) can **ONLY** be used for violations of HAVA Title III. Complaints must be:

- in writing (use of complaint form is preferred)
- notarized
- submitted to the State Election Commission

How do I file a non-HAVA election complaint?

[Link to Statutes](#)

The South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) handles election crimes and fraud. To report a suspected election crime or fraud:

- Visit sled.sc.gov/electionfraud.html
- Call (833)4SC-VOTE / (833)473-8683
- Or email 4SCVote@sled.sc.gov

Who can I contact regarding an election related complaint?

South Carolina State Election Commission	
Physical Address:	State Election Commission 1122 Lady Street, Suite 500 Columbia, SC 29201
Mailing Address:	State Election Commission P.O. Box 5987 Columbia, SC 29250-5987
Phone Number:	803-734-9060
Fax Number:	803-734-9366
Online Contact:	elections@elections.sc.gov
County Election Offices:	https://scvotes.gov/contact/county-voter-registration-election-offices/

South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)	
Physical Address:	4400 Broad River Rd Columbia, SC 29210
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221
Phone Number:	833-473-8683
E-mail:	4SCVote@sled.sc.gov
Website:	https://www.sled.sc.gov/electionfraud