Arizona

Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Complaint Process Guide

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What is the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)?

According to the Election Assistance Commission:

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 HAVA Complaint Form

Access the Election Administrative Complaint Form and type or print all information on the form. You may also indicate if you wish the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing on the record. The form must be notarized and returned within sixty days from the date of the alleged violation. Completed forms should be mailed to: Election Services Division, 1700 W. Washington, 7th Fl., Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

How do I file a non-HAVA election complaint?

Link to non-HAVA Complaint Process
Link to non-HAVA Complaint Form

To expedite an investigation as much as possible, please provide as much specific information as you can about the alleged violations, such as the dates and times of events, the people present, and the content of any conversations; this should include the name and contact information for other witnesses who are willing to provide evidence about the alleged violations. Also, please include any documents, photographs, videos, or other evidence that support your allegations.

If you are one of a group of people interested in filing a complaint, please select one person to file a complaint and attach written statements from the remaining complainants. If you do not have direct, first-hand evidence of a violation of Arizona election law, but would like to submit election-related comments or concerns to the Unit, or if you have a general elections-related inquiry, please send general concern emails to EIU@AZAG.gov.

Who can I contact regarding an election related complaint?

Secretary of State, Division of Elections

Physical Address:
Office of the Secretary of State
1700 W Washington St, Fl 7
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2808

Mailing Address:
Division of Elections
1700 W Washington St, Fl 7
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2808

Phone Number:
602-542-8683

Email Address:
elections@azsos.gov

Website:
https://azsos.gov/elections

Office of the Attorney General, Elections Integrity Unit

Physical Address:
Arizona Attorney General
2005 N Central Avenue, 6th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Mailing Address:
Elections Integrity Unit
2005 N Central Avenue, Fl 6
Phoenix, AZ 85004

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602-542-5025

Email Address:
EIU@AZAG.gov

Website:
https://www.azag.gov/complaints/election