



Connecticut

*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 Form](#)

The State of Connecticut has two agencies that are involved in the electoral process. The Secretary of the State is responsible for the administration of elections and 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.

How do I file a non-HAVA election complaint?

[Link to non-HAVA Complaint Form](#)

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Who can I contact regarding an election related complaint?

State Elections Enforcement Commission

Physical/Mailing Address:

State Elections Enforcement
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

Phone Number:

860-256-2940

Email Address:

seec@ct.gov

Website:

<https://portal.ct.gov/seec>

Secretary of State, Elections Division

Physical Address:

165 Capitol Avenue, Suite 1000
Hartford, CT 06106

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 150470
Hartford, CT 06115-0470

Phone Number:

860-509-6100

Email Address:

lead@ct.gov

Website:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Common-Elements/V5-Template---Redesign/Elections--Voting--Home-Page>