

Kansas

*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](#)

[25-4705. Form of complaint.](#)

(a) A complaint shall be made in writing and signed by the complainant under oath before a notary public.

(b) The complaint shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the secretary of state. The complaint form shall be available from the secretary of state or from any county election office.

[25-4706. Time limits for filing complaints.](#)

(a) A complaint shall be filed with the secretary of state within 30 days after the occurrence of the actions or events that form the basis for the complaint. For violations that are occurring or about to occur that may need immediate remedy, the complaint shall be timely filed to allow for resolution.

How do I file a non-HAVA election complaint?

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

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

If you witness suspicious activity related to an election, please report it via the [Report Voter Fraud link](#). Your information will be forwarded directly to the Kansas Secretary of State's Elections Division or call the Voter Fraud hotline at 800-262-8683. An elections investigator may contact you for additional information.

Who can I contact regarding an election related complaint?

Secretary of State, Elections Division

Physical/Mailing Address:

Memorial Hall, 1st Floor
120 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66612-1594

Phone Number:

785-296-4561

Email Address:

election@sos.ks.gov

Website:

<https://sos.ks.gov/elections/voterfraud/default.aspx>