

# Nevada

*Help America Vote Act  
(HAVA) Complaint  
Process Guide*

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## What is the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)?

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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?

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

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#### [NAC 293.515 Filing; form; delivery of copy to respondents.](#)

A person who believes that a violation of Title III of the Help America Vote Act has occurred, is occurring or is about to occur may file a complaint with the Office of the Secretary of State. The complaint must be filed no more than 60 days after the occurrence of the action or event that forms the basis for the complaint.

The complaint must be in writing, notarized and signed and sworn to by the complainant.

## How do I file a non-HAVA election complaint?

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

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

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The Secretary of State has developed a statewide complaint system to address allegations involving a violation of any provision of Title 24.

To initiate the process, a formal complaint must be received by the Secretary of State, and identify the person making the complaint. The complaint must set forth the alleged violation of law and identify the party responsible for the violation, as well as set forth dates and times of specific occurrences, if practicable. Upon receiving the formal complaint in the Secretary of State's office either by conventional mail, email, facsimile or hand delivery, the Secretary of State's office shall begin the resolution process.

## Who can I contact regarding an election related complaint?

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### **Secretary of State, Elections Division**

**Physical Address:**

Elections Division  
101 North Carson Street, Suite 3  
Carson City, NV 89701

**Phone Number:**

775-684-5705

**Email Address:**

[nvelect@sos.nv.gov](mailto:nvelect@sos.nv.gov)

**Website:**

<https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/sos-information/file-a-complaint>

### **Office of the Attorney General, Elections Integrity Unit**

**Physical Address:**

Office of the Attorney General  
100 North Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

**Phone Number:**

775-684-1100

**Email Address:**

[AgInfo@ag.nv.gov](mailto:AgInfo@ag.nv.gov)

**Online Address:**

[https://ag.nv.gov/Complaints/CSU\\_Complaints\\_FAQ/](https://ag.nv.gov/Complaints/CSU_Complaints_FAQ/)