



# South Carolina

*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](#)

[Link to HAVA Complaint 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?

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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](http://sled.sc.gov/electionfraud.html)
- Call (833)4SC-VOTE / (833)473-8683
- Or email [4SCVote@sled.sc.gov](mailto:4SCVote@sled.sc.gov)

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

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### 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

**Email Address:**

[elections@elections.sc.gov](mailto:elections@elections.sc.gov)

**Website:**

<https://scvotes.gov/voters/register-to-vote/>

### South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)

**Physical Address:**

State Law Enforcement Division  
4400 Board River Road  
Columbia, SC 29210

**Mailing Address:**

State Law Enforcement Division  
P.O. Box 21398  
Columbia, SC 29221

**Phone Number:**

833-473-8683

**Email Address:**

[4SCVote@sled.sc.gov](mailto:4SCVote@sled.sc.gov)

**Online Address:**

<https://www.sled.sc.gov/electionfraud>