



DEBRA BOWEN | SECRETARY OF STATE | STATE OF CALIFORNIA
1500 11th Street, 6th floor | Sacramento, CA 95814 | Tel (916) 653-7244 | Fax (916) 653-4620 | www.sos.ca.gov

June 4, 2010

[Name]
[Organization]
[Address]
[city], CA [zip]

Dear [Name]:

This letter is to notify you that California's Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) State Plan update will be published and available for public comment on June 10, 2010. It can be found at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/hava/state-plan. As an advocate for voters, the Secretary of State believes it is important to encourage as many people as possible to provide input on this important State Plan update.

The plan will be posted for public comment for 30 days, until July 9.

A printed copy of the plan will also be available at the Secretary of State offices at 1500 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; and 300 South Spring Street, Room 12513, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

The HAVA State Plan update describes California's progress on implementing HAVA mandates and future plans for meeting HAVA mandates. Submitting the State Plan update to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission – the federal oversight authority for HAVA – is also required to ensure California is eligible to receive federal funds recently appropriated by the U.S. Congress.

HAVA was enacted on October 29, 2002, and set new federal standards for voting systems used to cast ballots, requirements that county election officials allow voters to cast provisional ballots and post voter information at polling places, and that states create a single, statewide list of registered voters. Each state and territory is required to have a State Plan for complying with HAVA. This HAVA State Plan update explains progress made by California on meeting these federal requirements since its last State Plan was published in 2004. The State Plan update also describes continuing efforts to meet HAVA's requirements, as well as other procedures and processes that will be used to continue managing HAVA's implementation at the state and local level.

The plan will be provided online in two formats. The word version will be available to allow you to propose specific changes to the document. If you choose to use that option to comment on the State Plan update, please use the track changes feature, if possible, so the Secretary of State's office can easily

see the specific changes you are proposing. The State Plan update will also be available in PDF format as a single document for viewing.

When commenting on the State Plan update, please provide your name and the name of any group you are representing. If your comments are solely your own, please indicate that fact as well.

For reference purposes, a copy of the HAVA may be found at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/hava.pdf.

Please submit your comments on this HAVA State Plan update via email at havapubliccomments@sos.ca.gov or by mailing written comments to:

California Secretary of State
1500 11th Street, 6th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attn. Chris Reynolds

Once the public comment period is closed, the Secretary of State will review the comments and determine whether to change the draft plan to incorporate any of the comments before submitting it to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, which will publish California's State Plan update in the Federal Register. All public comments will be responded to, whether or not they are incorporated into the State Plan update, and will become a part of the State Plan that is submitted to the United States Election Assistance Commission.

Thank you for assisting with and participating in this effort.

Sincerely,

Chris Reynolds
Deputy Secretary of State, HAVA Activities