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Draft 2010 Help America Vote Act State Plan Update Now on Public Display

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced that the complete draft text of the 2010 updated State Plan describing California’s implementation of the Help America Vote Act 2002 (HAVA), was placed on public display on June 10, 2010, and is available for review and comment until July 9, 2010.

The draft 2010 HAVA State Plan update describes California’s work and continuing efforts to meet HAVA mandates. The draft plan is posted at the Secretary of State’s website at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/hava/state-plan and in hard copy at the Secretary of State’s offices in Sacramento and Los Angeles. To submit comments on the HAVA State Plan update, email havapubliccomments@sos.ca.gov or mail to California Secretary of State, 1500 11th Street, 6th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Enacted in 2002, HAVA created federal standards for voting systems, required county elections officials to post voter information at polling places and allow voters to cast provisional ballots, and required states to create a single, statewide list of registered voters. Each state and territory is required to have a State Plan for complying with HAVA. To read HAVA, go to www.sos.ca.gov/elections/hava.pdf.

Once the public comment period is closed, the Secretary of State may incorporate public comments into the plan before submitting it to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission—the federal oversight authority for HAVA, which will publish California’s State Plan update in the Federal Register.

The submission of a State Plan update to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission is a requirement in establishing California’s eligibility for federal funds recently appropriated by the U.S. Congress.

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