

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission

The Honorable Thomas Hicks, Chairman



EAC's Chartering Legislation - Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

HAVA enacted 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 contested 2000 presidential election.

HAVA creates new mandatory minimum standards for states to follow in several key areas of election administration.

HAVA Provides Funding to Help States

- Meet The New Standards
- Replace Voting Systems
- Improve Election Administration





U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC)

Established by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

- Signed into law by President George W. Bush, Oct. 29, 2002
- EAC opened its doors on April 5, 2004

Independent, Bipartisan Commission

Consists of Four commissioners

- Two commissioners from each political party
- Presidential appointees that are approved by the senate
- First four commissioners sworn into office on Dec. 13, 2003





U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Leadership

- Nominated by the President and Confirmed by the U.S. Senate
- •Current Commissioners sworn into office Jan 13, 2015
 - •Thomas Hicks, Chairman
 - Matthew Masterson, Vice-Chairman -
 - Christy McCormick

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EAC College Programs

\$3.177 Million Well Spent

- EAC was created with a mandate to
 - Educate college students on elections and
 - •Encourage college students to work in election administration
- Grant Based Program
- •Colleges Applied for funds to build their own programs and EAC supplied funding for certain, selected programs
- •89 Grants were awarded





EAC College Program - 2010 Grantees JESSEE

























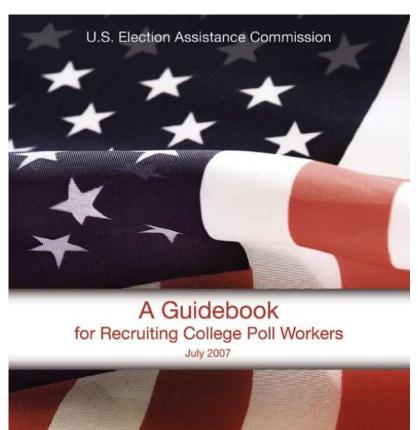






EAC College Program

Young poll workers are instrumental to the United States Election administration process









Help America Vote Mock Election Program

- Allowed students to become familiar with voting processes and technologies.
- Once eligible to vote they will be more comfortable with their civic duties.
- 300,000 in grant funds for the first year.



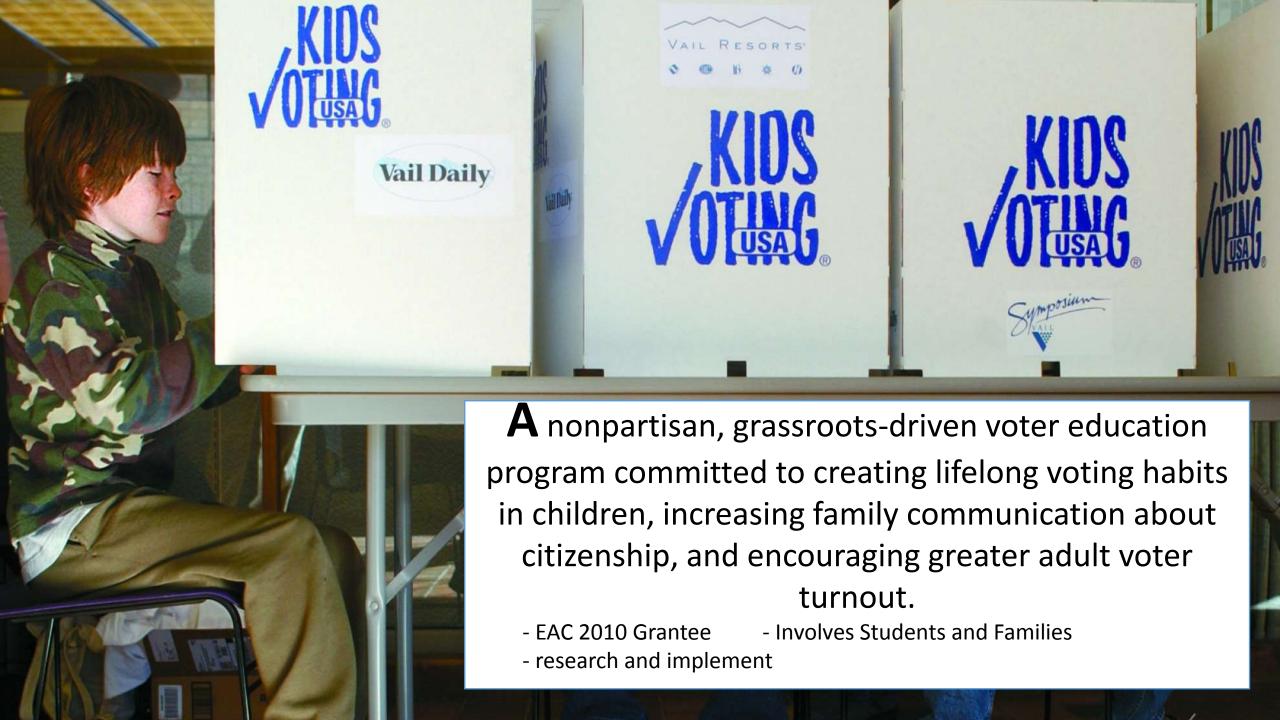


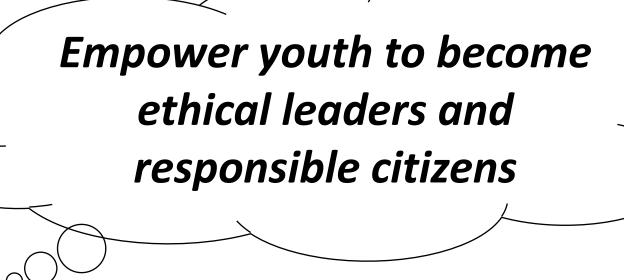
Mock Election Program Recipients

- Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; Franklin, KY
- Polk County Auditor's Office; Des Moines, IA
- Washington Secretary of State; Olympia, WA
- Montana Secretary of State; Helena, MT
- League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund; Salem, OR
- Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; Providence, RI
- Michigan Government Television; Lansing, MI
- Seminole County Supervisor of Elections; Sanford, FL











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