U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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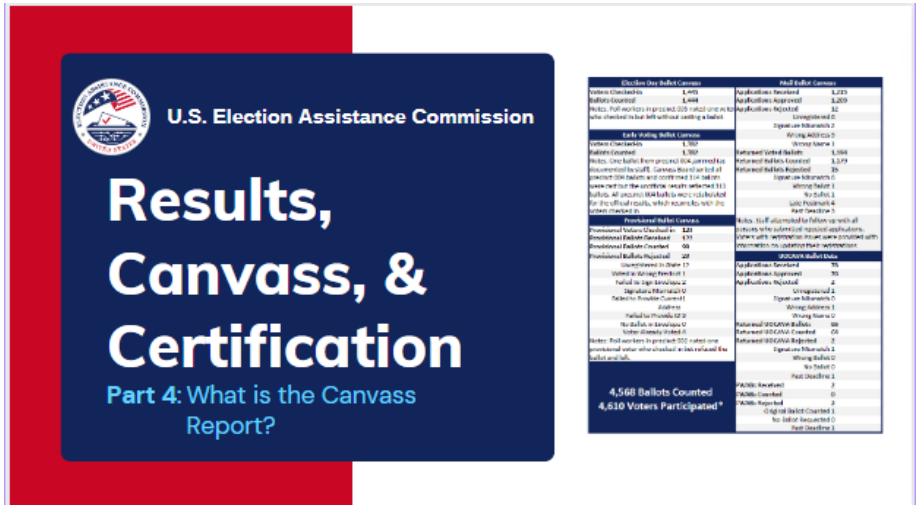
New EAC Resources

- Voting System Security Measures Guide
  - broad list of common security measures, best practices and procedures to protect the integrity of an election
- Quick Start Guides
  - Planning & Outreach,
  - Election Preparation,
  - Early & By Mail Voting, and
  - Election Day & Post-Election Processes

New EAC Resources

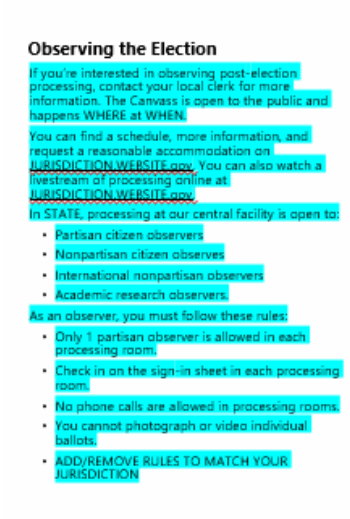
Election Results, Canvass, and Certification



Toolkits for Election Officials

Communicating Election and Post-Election Processes Toolkit

- Customizable materials to help jurisdictions with voter education needs



Observing the Election

If you're interested in observing post-election processing, contact your local clerk for more information. The Canvass is open to the public and happens WHERE at WHEN.

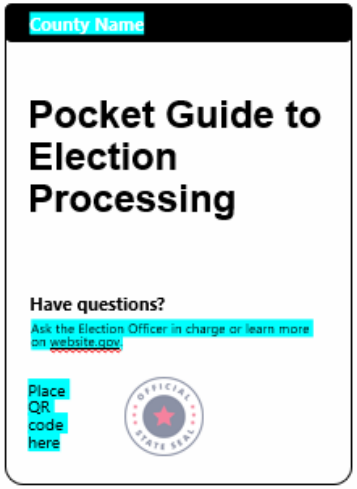
You can find a schedule, more information, and request a reasonable accommodation on JURISDICTION.WEBSITE.gov. You can also watch a livestream of processing online at JURISDICTION.WEBSITE.gov.

In STATE, processing at our central facility is open to:

- Partisan citizen observers
- Nonpartisan citizen observers
- International nonpartisan observers
- Academic research observers.

As an observer, you must follow these rules:

- Only 1 partisan observer is allowed in each processing room.
- Check in on the sign-in sheet in each processing room.
- No phone calls are allowed in processing rooms.
- You cannot photograph or video individual ballots.
- ADD/REMOVE RULES TO MATCH YOUR JURISDICTION



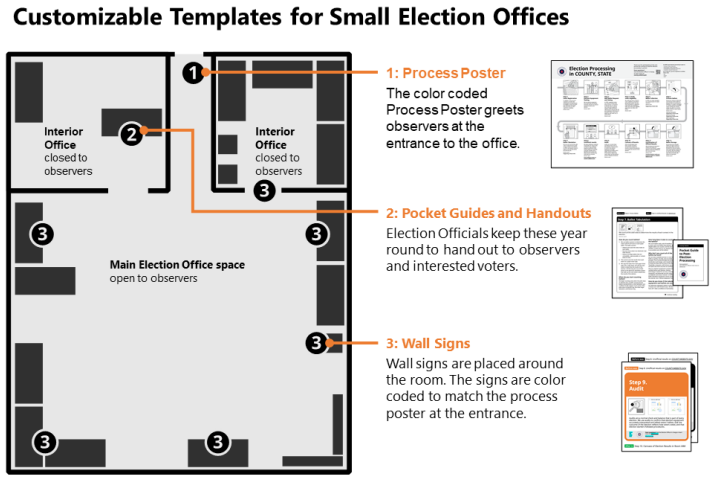
County Name

Pocket Guide to Election Processing

Have questions?

Ask the Election Officer in charge or learn more on website.gov.

Place QR code here



Customizable Templates for Small Election Offices

Interior Office closed to observers

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Main Election Office space open to observers

1: Process Poster

The color coded Process Poster greets observers at the entrance to the office.

2: Pocket Guides and Handouts

Election Officials keep these year round to hand out to observers and interested voters.

3: Wall Signs

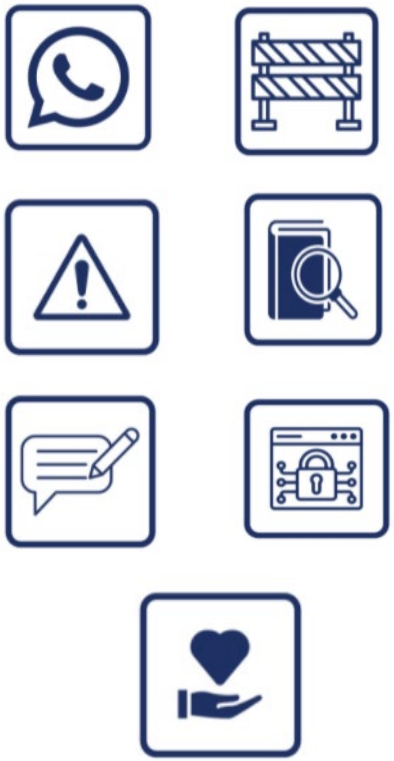
Wall signs are placed around the room. The signs are color coded to match the process poster at the entrance.

Election Security Resources

Security Resources for Election Officials

New Resources

- Byrne JAG Memo
- Personal Security for Election Officials Checklist
- Removing Personal Identifying Information (PII) from a Google Search
- Incident Response Checklist



Supply Chain Challenges

- Election Official Alert: Paper Supply Chain Risk Management
- 2022 Supply Chain Challenges and Mitigation Strategies for Election Officials
- Committee on House Administration Republicans' Roundtable on Ballot Paper Shortage
- Ballot Paper Supply Chain Risk Management by the Election Infrastructure SCC Supply Chain Risk Management Working Group

www.eac.gov/election-officials/supply-chain-considerations-election-officials

Upcoming Resources

- New EAC Study on Voters with Disabilities and the Digital Divide
- Election Management Guides
- Election Security Practices
- Improved State Specific Pages
- Resources on:
  - Accessibility for voters with disabilities
  - Language access
  - Other best practices for election administration

Help America Vote Day

- How election officials can be involved
  - Use the day of action for recruitment or awareness efforts in your community
- Coming Soon:
  - Updated and additional graphics
  - Updated toolkit at **EAC.gov/toolkits or helpamericavote.gov**

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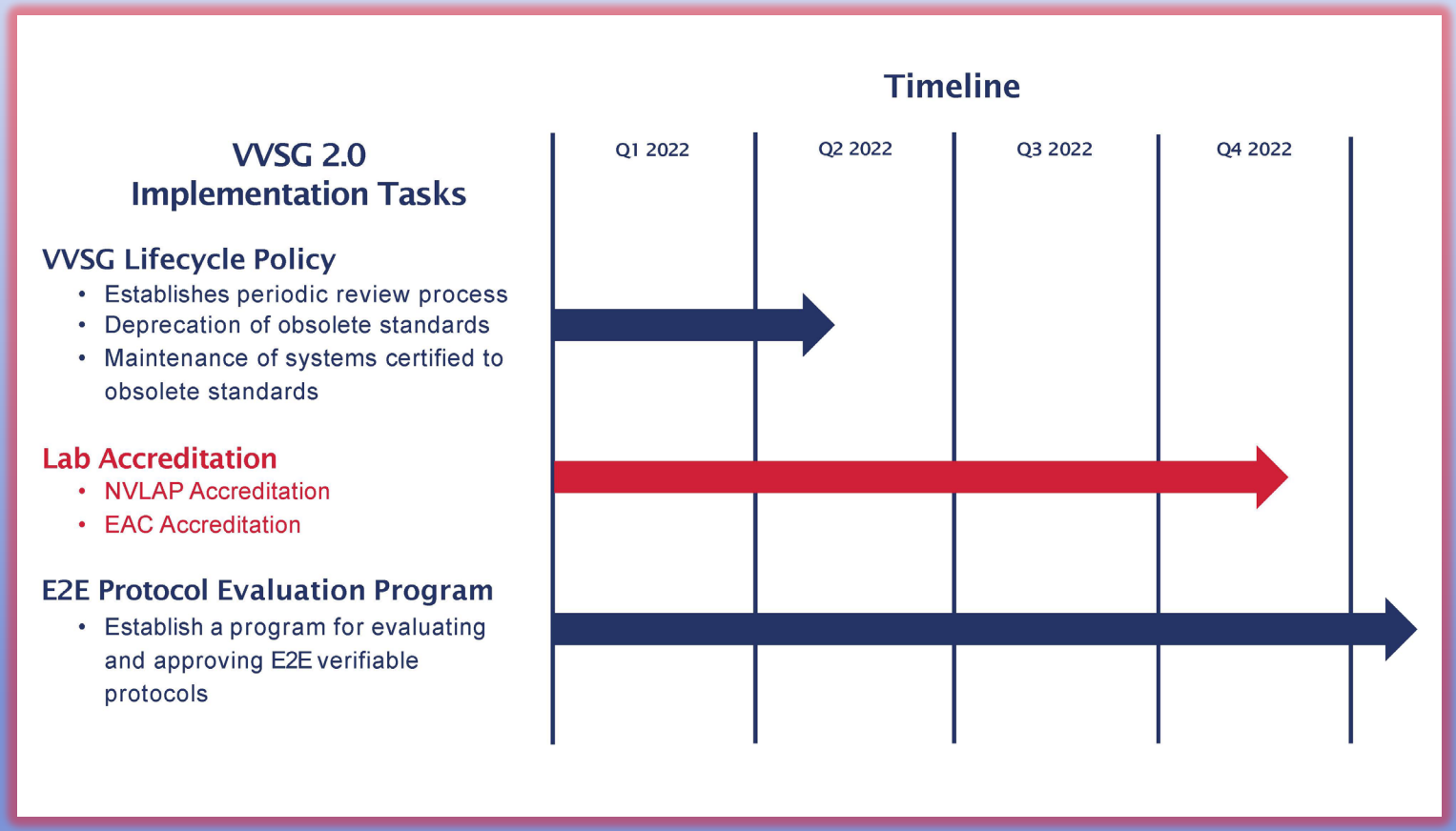
EAC Testing and Certification

VVSG 2.0 Implementation Tasks



Penetration Testing

- Penetration testing requirement introduced in the new program manuals
  - Assess the security posture of submitted systems
  - Confirm mitigations for known vulnerabilities
- Manuals will be effective once a lab is accredited to test to VVSG 2.0

Anomaly Reporting

- The EAC encourages reporting of voting system anomalies by election officials
- Reporting allows the EAC to assist with confirming and resolving issues
- Anomaly form is available on our website:

  www.eac.gov/voting-equipment/manuals-and-forms

- Submit to:

  testingcertification@eac.gov

Anomaly Reporting in Practice

- Two recent examples on the anomaly reporting process
  - Dominion in Tennessee
  - Unisyn in Missouri
- The EAC intends to continue this approach to assist jurisdictions with resolving anomalies

VVSG 2.0 Transparency

- VVSG 2.0 goes to great lengths to increase transparency over prior standards
  - System documentation
  - Physical and electronic processes and transactions
  - Verification of voting system operations throughout the entirety of the election
  - Common data formats (CDF)
  - Increased audit capability, risk limiting audits
  - Software independence

E-Poll Book Evaluation Pilot

- The EAC conducted a public hearing on the e-poll book pilot program with stakeholders last November
- The EAC is preparing draft security and accessibility requirements for e-poll book systems
  - Security requirements have been shared with stakeholders
  - Accessibility requirements are being finalized
- An early draft of a program manual has been created with a projected final draft soon

HAVA Security Grants

HAVA Election Security Funds

- Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022: $75 million in Election Security grant funds
- Total Election Security grant funds to date
  - $380 million (2018)
  - $425 million (2020)
  - $75 million (2022)
  - **$880 million Total**
- 52% expended for the 2018 and 2020 funds as of June 1, 2022

HAVA Election Security Funds

Allowable uses for Election Security 101 funds

- Complying with the requirements under title III.
- Improving the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance technology and make certain election security improvements.
- Educating voters concerning voting procedures, voting rights, and voting technology.
- Training election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers.
- Improving, acquiring, leasing, modifying, or replacing voting systems and technology and methods for casting and counting votes.
- Improving the accessibility and quantity of polling places, including providing physical access for individuals with disabilities, providing nonvisual access for individuals with visual impairments, and providing assistance to Native Americans, Alaska Native citizens, and to individuals with limited proficiency in the English language.
- Establishing toll-free telephone hotlines that voters may use to report possible voting fraud and voting rights violations, to obtain general election information, and to access detailed automated information on their own voter registration status, specific polling place locations, and other relevant information.

Where to find EAC Information

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Facebook
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Twitter
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YouTube Channel
Election Assistance Commission

Website
www.EAC.gov

Instagram
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