

State of Oklahoma Plan
for Implementation of the
Help America Vote Act of 2002

2005 Report on Progress of HAVA Implementation

(1) How the State will use the requirements payment to meet the requirements of title III, and, if applicable under section 251(a)(2), to carry out other activities to improve the administration of elections.

- **Implementation of Provisional voting [Sec. 302(a)].**

Provisional voting was implemented for the four elections involving federal offices in 2004 by emergency rules promulgated by the Secretary of the State Election Board. House Bill 1346 established provisional voting for all elections in Oklahoma conducted by County Election Boards, effective July 1, 2005. Permanent rules, also effective July 1, 2005, translated the provisional voting procedures developed for 2004 to all elections.

- **Implementation of voter identification requirements [Sec. 303(b)(2)].**

Voter identification requirements were implemented in 2004 for elections involving federal offices by emergency rule. Permanent rules became effective July 1, 2005. Only voters who apply for voter registration by mail are required to show identification when voting for the first time in a federal election.

- **Coordination of state databases [Sec. 303(a)].**

The voter registration database upgrades currently being implemented (see the next bullet point) are expected to enhance the capability for coordinating the voter registration database with other state databases, such as the driver license database. Although no agreement has yet been reached that would ensure such coordination, discussion continues.

- **Upgrades for state voter registration database [Sec. 303(a)].**

Upgrades for the state voter registration database are underway. As stated in the original state plan issued in 2003, any discussion of upgrading the database is actually a discussion of replacing the hardware platform on which it resides. The State Election Board has accepted a plan from Maxim Consulting, an Oklahoma City-based consulting firm that has been involved in the ongoing maintenance of

the Oklahoma Election Management System (OEMS) software for several years, to move the voter registration database to a modern server system and to make the database available to county election officials on the internet. A detailed explanation of the project is included in the attached document from Maxim Consulting. (See [Appendix A](#).)

The State Election Board has entered an agreement with the Oklahoma Office of State Finance (OSF) to upgrade our website and to develop the user interface for the voter registration database. A document from NIC, Inc. describing the project is attached. (See [Appendix B](#).)

- **Polling place technology enhancements [Sec. 301].**

A final decision on polling place technology enhancements has not yet been made.

- **Design and/or evaluation of new voting device system.**

A final decision on a new voting device system has not yet been made.

- **Support for newly created federal agencies.**

No change.

- **Improved process for uniformed services and overseas voters [Title VII and UOCAVA].**

No change.

- **Improved process for disabled voters [Sec. 301 (a)(3)].**

No change.

- **Improved process for language minority voters [Sec. 301(a)(4)].**

No change.

- **Improvement in voter outreach programs.**

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No change. We anticipate developing an extensive voter education program as part of the introduction and implementation of polling place technology enhancements and a new voting system once final decisions in these areas have been made.

· **Study of implementation of all-mail elections in Oklahoma.**

No change.

· **Precinct Official training.**

Oklahoma election officials completed another round of Precinct Official training during the summer of 2005 in preparation for a special statewide election on September 13. This special election was the first implementation of the new state provisional voting procedures in most counties. (A few counties held local special elections in July and August as well.)

(2) How the State will distribute and monitor the distribution of the requirements payment to units of local government or other entities in the State for carrying out the activities described in paragraph (1), including a description of—

(A) the criteria to be used to determine the eligibility of such units or entities for receiving the payment; and

(B) the methods to be used by the State to monitor the performance of the units or entities to whom the payment is distributed, consistent with the performance goals and measures adopted under paragraph (8).

No change.

(3) How the State will provide for programs for voter education, election official education and training, and poll worker training which will assist the State in meeting the requirements of title III.

No change.

(4) How the State will adopt voting system guidelines and processes which are consistent with the requirements of section 301.

No change.

(5) How the State will establish a fund described in sub-section (b) for purposes of administering the State's activities under this part, including information on fund management.

No change.

(6) The State's proposed budget for activities under this part, based on the State's best estimates of the costs of such activities and the amount of funds to be made available, including specific information on—

(A) the costs of the activities required to be carried out to meet the requirements of title III;

(B) the portion of the requirements payment which will be used to carry out activities to meet such requirements; and

(C) the portion of the requirements payment which will be used to carry out other activities.

The State of Oklahoma received \$5 million in title I funds. Of the initial amount, a total of \$105,241.62 has been spent as of September 30, 2005.

FY04	—	\$14,863.24	HAVA trainers HAVA planning (Advisory Committee and Working Committee) Provisional Voting Officers compensation (Presidential Preferential Primary Election) Miscellaneous
FY05	—	\$50,952.83	HAVA planning (Working Committee) Provisional Voting Officers compensation (Primary, Runoff Primary, and General Elections) Miscellaneous
FY06	—	\$39,425.55 (as of 9-30-05)	Precinct Official training Software development

The State of Oklahoma also has received \$27.6 million in requirements payments and the state has appropriated \$2 million matching funds. As of September 30, 2005, none of these funds have been spent.

(7) How the State, in using the requirements payment, will maintain the expenditures of the State for activities funded by the payment at a level that is not less than the level of such expenditures maintained by the State for the fiscal year ending prior to November 2000.

No change.

(8) How the State will adopt performance goals and measures that will be used by the State to determine its success and the success of units of local government in the State in carrying out the plan, including timetables for meeting each of the elements of the plan, descriptions of the criteria the State will use to measure performance and the process used to develop such criteria, and a description of which official is to be held responsible for ensuring that each performance goal is met.

No change.

(9) A description of the uniform, nondiscriminatory State-based administrative complaint procedures in effect under section 402.

No change

(10) If the State received any payment under title I, a description of how such payment will affect the activities proposed to be carried out under the plan, including the amount of funds available for such activities.

No change.

(11) How the State will conduct ongoing management of the plan, except that the State may not make any material change in the administration of the plan unless the change

(A) is developed and published in the Federal Register in accordance with section 255 in the same manner as the State plan;

(B) is subject to public notice and comment in accordance with section 256 in the same manner as the State plan; and

(C) takes effect only after the expiration of the 30-day period which begins on the date the change is published in the Federal Register in accordance with subparagraph (A).

No change.

(12) In the case of a State with a State plan in effect under this subtitle during the previous fiscal year, a description of how the plan reflects changes from the State plan for the previous fiscal year and of how the State succeeded in carrying out the State plan for such previous fiscal year.

This document has been circulated to the State Plan Advisory Committee members and all have approved its contents.

(13) A description of the committee which participated in the development of the State plan in accordance with section 255 and the procedures followed by the committee under such section and section 256.

No changes have been made in the membership of the State Plan Advisory Committee. Two new members have been added to the Local Election Professionals Working Committee: Glenna Craig, Secretary of the Payne County Election Board, and Brad Johnson, Secretary of the Washington County Election Board.

The Advisory Committee has not met in 2005 as of the date of this report.

A meeting of the Local Election Professionals Working Committee is scheduled on October 24, 2005.