



U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division

*Voting Section
950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW – 4CON
Washington, DC 20530*

June 23, 2025

Via U.S. Mail and E-Mail
The Honorable Al Schmidt
Secretary of the Commonwealth
401 North Street, Room 202

Dear Secretary Schmidt:

The Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”) establishes minimum standards for states to follow in several key aspects of administration of federal elections, including voting systems, provisional ballots, voter information posters on election days, first-time voters who register to vote by mail, and statewide voter registration databases. HAVA is codified at 52 U.S.C. § 20901 to 21145. In particular, HAVA imposes certain list maintenance obligations on states as part of the uniform statewide database requirements of Section 303(a)(2) of HAVA, 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2), including coordinating the computerized statewide voter registration list (“statewide voter registration list”) with state agency records on felony status and death.

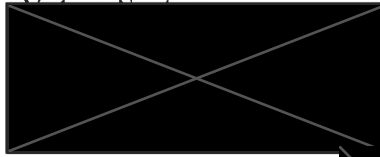
Please provide the following information regarding the Commonwealth’s HAVA compliance:

- (1) Describe how the Commonwealth processes new applications to register to vote for elections for federal office, as required by HAVA Section 303.
- (2) Describe the process by which Pennsylvania assigns a unique identifier to each legally registered voter in Pennsylvania, as required by HAVA Section 303(a)(1)(A).
- (3) Describe how the statewide voter registration list is coordinated with the databases of other agencies in the Commonwealth, as required by HAVA Section 303(a)(1)(A). Provide the name of each database used for coordination, and describe the procedures used for the coordination as well as how often the databases are coordinated with the statewide voter registration list.
- (4) Describe the process by which any duplicate voter registrations are identified and removed from the statewide voter registration list under HAVA Section 303(a)(2)(B)(iii). Please include an explanation of how the Commonwealth determines what constitutes a duplicate voter registration record.

- (5) Describe the process by which voters who have been convicted of a felony and are incarcerated are (a) identified and, (b) if applicable under Commonwealth law, removed from the statewide voter registration list under HAVA Section 303(a)(2)(A)(ii)(I).
- (6) Describe the process by which deceased registrants are identified and removed from the statewide voter registration list under HAVA Section 303(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II).
- (7) Describe all technological security measures taken by the Commonwealth to prevent unauthorized access to the statewide voter registration list, as required by HAVA Section 303(a)(3).
- (8) Describe the process by which voters who have moved outside the Commonwealth and subsequently register to vote in another state are identified and removed from the statewide voter registration list, under HAVA Section 303(a)(4)(A).
- (9) Describe the process by which registrants who are ineligible to vote due to non-citizenship are identified and removed from the statewide voter registration list.
- (10) HAVA requires the Commonwealth to verify voter registration information by mandating that applicants provide certain information under HAVA Section 303(a)(5). Please provide a copy of the voter registration application(s) utilized for in-person voter registration, a link to the Commonwealth's online voter registration application, and, if applicable, the voter registration application used for same-day registration.
- (11) Please describe the verification process under HAVA Section 303(a)(5) that election officials perform to verify the required information supplied by the registrant. Please describe what happens to the registration application if the information cannot be verified.
- (12) Provide a copy of the current agreement, under HAVA Section 303(a)(5)(B)(i), between the Commonwealth's chief election official and the Commonwealth's motor vehicle authority.
- (13) Provide a copy of the current agreement between the official responsible for the Commonwealth's motor vehicle authority and the Commissioner of Social Security Administration under HAVA Section 303(a)(5)(B)(ii).
- (14) Under HAVA Section 303(b), describe the Commonwealth's requirements for an individual to vote if the individual registered to vote by mail and has not previously voted in an election for federal office in the Commonwealth.

Please provide this information [REDACTED] te of this letter. The information and materials may be sent by email to [REDACTED] or by FedEx or UPS to:

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If you have any questions, please email [REDACTED]. We very much appreciate your cooperation in our nationwide efforts to monitor HAVA compliance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Maureen Riordan".

Maureen Riordan
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