

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
“HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002”

PRELIMINARY
SECOND ADDENDUM TO STATE PLAN
SECTION ONE AND SECTION SIX

On August 15, 2003, the State of New Jersey (“State”) filed its Initial State Plan (“Plan”), pursuant to the “Help America Vote Act of 2002” (“HAVA”) with the Federal Election Commission, the authorized depository for the HAVA State plans prior to the establishment of the United States Election Assistance Commission (“EAC”). The Plan detailed the manner in which the State intended to meet the requirements of HAVA and the projected corresponding costs for implementation.

The State certified to the EAC, by letter dated June 25, 2007 that it was in compliance with the current HAVA funds received by the State for the mandated Title III requirements.

In 2007, the State presented an Addendum to Section One and Section Six of the Initial Plan. The Section One Addendum dedicated \$15 million of the HAVA funds to implement a voter-verified paper audit trail (commonly referred to as “VVPAT”) for the voting systems and Section Six of the Plan set forth a corresponding, revised budget.

This second Addendum reflects updates and changes to Section One and Section Six of the previous Addendum to the Plan. This Addendum has been prepared in accordance with the procedural requirements of section 253 of HAVA. The HAVA State Plan Committee convened on January 22, 2009 to provide input.

On March 6, 2009, the State suspended the law that required a voter-verified paper audit trail on all voting machines due to the inability of the State to provide matching funds. As a result of this change, the State has determined that the appropriated HAVA funds for a voter-verified paper audit trail should be redirected to other HAVA activities, as set forth below.

I. Current and Anticipated 2008/2009 HAVA Funds

As noted above, the State intends to reallocate \$15 million it currently has in its HAVA Election Fund. In addition, the State is currently eligible to receive \$3,331,893 in 2008 requirement payments, and \$2,897,298 in 2009 requirement payments.

Of the \$15 million that the State intends to reallocate, \$2 million will be used to purchase additional voting machines in counties that have added election districts due to population increases. The State will reallocate \$13 million of the above-noted \$15 million, and the expected 2008/2009 funding to four HAVA required mandates: Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS), Voter Education/Outreach, Election Officials’ Training, and State Management as follows:

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- General maintenance, enhancements, and updates to the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) (\$8,000,000);
- Geographical Information System (GIS) enhancements to the SVRS that will, in part, assist counties in their Congressional redistricting responsibilities after the 2010 census. This enhancement will provide an interface to the 21 counties' Geographical Information Systems. This will enable the SVRS to identify geo-codes (longitude and latitude) of every voter address, making it easier to align the voter to a newly developed or changed election district. (\$1,000,000);
- Enhancements to the Public Access website including improved ease of use for voters, voter education and information, and real time election night results reporting (\$1,000,000);
- Continuation of voter education and outreach initiatives (\$1,000,000);
- Development and implementation of a knowledge-based online help desk support system for county election officials as well as voters. The system will assist county election officials in administering their election responsibilities and allow voters to educate themselves on election procedures and deadlines. The system will also have the ability to resolve and track issues in each county. (\$4,000,000);
- Development and implementation of online poll worker training which will assist in improving poll worker training and performance. The system will be used in conjunction with classroom teaching and will include additional learning tools as well as tests. (\$1,000,000); and
- State Management costs (\$3,128,191)

Please see attached spreadsheet.

II. Any Future HAVA Funding

In addition, New Jersey plans to utilize any additional funds from future requirement payments in the following manner:

- 50% will be applied towards State Management of HAVA.
- 30% will be applied towards the Statewide Voter Registration System.
- 10% will be applied towards voter education and outreach.
- 10% will be applied towards election officials training.

The Public Comment deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 3, 2009. Please email all comments and inquiries to njelections.org

Preliminary HAVA Budget Summary

	Original State Plan	1st Addendum to State Plan	2nd Addendum to State Plan
1. Voting Machine Reimbursement (Includes Voting Machines and Audio Kit Purchases)	\$ 38,675,000.00	\$ 40,500,000.00	\$ 42,500,000.00
VVPAT	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ -
2. Statewide Voter Registration System	\$ 20,000,000.00	\$ 25,000,000.00	\$ 34,000,000.00
3. Provisional Balloting	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
4. Revised Forms and Notices	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
5. Disability Access (Excluding Voting System) (this is not 261)	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 750,000.00
6. Administrative Grievance Procedure	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
7. Voter Education & Outreach	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 3,500,000.00	\$ 5,500,000.00
8. Election Officials Training	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 5,500,000.00
9. State Management-Includes Administrative and Salaries	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 5,500,000.00	\$ 8,628,191.00
Total	\$ 68,175,000.00	\$ 92,500,000.00	\$ 98,628,191.00