

U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards Board
RESOLUTION 2020-1
Resolution to Recommend Approval of
Voluntary Voting System Guidelines Version 2.0 Requirements
July 31, 2020

- Whereas, The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Standards Board wishes to recommend adoption of Requirements for the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines Version 2.0 (VVSG 2.0); and
- Whereas, The U.S. Election Assistance Commission, in accordance with Section 222 of Public Law 107-252, also designated as the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), adopted Voluntary Voting System Guidelines on December 13, 2005, which were subsequently modified by the Election Assistance Commission in accordance with Section 222 on March 31, 2015;
- Whereas, The U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards Board was established by Section 211 of HAVA;
- Whereas, The Standards Board is required under Section 212 of HAVA to review the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) in accordance with Section 222(b)(3) of HAVA;
- Whereas, The Executive Director of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission has submitted to the Executive Board of the Standards Board proposals for modifications to the VVSG Requirements recommended in March 11, 2020 by the Technical Guidelines Development Committee under Section 221 of HAVA. Thereafter, the Executive Board provided these proposed Requirements to the entire membership of the Standards Board for review and consideration;
- Whereas, On March 27th, May 6th, and May 20th, 2020, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission conducted hearings to receive testimony and comment on the draft Requirements of VVSG 2.0 from state and local election officials, manufacturers, and other stakeholders;
- Whereas, As of this meeting, the EAC Standards Board has been briefed by the Election Assistance Commission and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and reviewed the major changes and Requirements of VVSG 2.0; and

Whereas, Major changes to the VVSG 2.0 Requirements include but are not limited to the following:

- Improved accessibility requirements to enhance the voting experience for voters with disabilities.
- Improved cybersecurity requirements to secure voting and election management systems associated with the administration of elections.
- Added requirements to support various audit methods to confirm the accuracy of the vote and increase confidence of elections.
- Added system integrity and reliability requirements of voting systems
- Updated software and hardware requirements to enhance accessibility, security, and usability.
- Transfer of the testing and certification document requirements under the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 1.1 to the EAC's Testing and Certification Program Manual.

Whereas, After thorough and diligent review of the proposed modifications of the VVSG 2.0 Requirements by the membership of the Standards Board;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, by the Election Assistance Commission Standards Board, that:

The United States Election Assistance Commission Standards Board recommends to the United States Election Assistance Commission that the proposed modifications of the requirements to the Voluntary Voting System Requirements recommended by the Technical Guidelines Development Committee and transmitted by the US Election Assistance Commission on March 11, 2020 to the Standards Board be adopted by the Commission as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

A True Record Attest:

**/s/ Barbara Goeckner
Secretary
Standards Board
Executive Board**

Submitted by J. Bradley King

Submitted to Standards Board for Approval/Denial on July 31, 2020

Passed on July 31, 2020