to familiarize agencies, the public and interested organizations with the Northwest Aggregates dock replacement project and potential environmental issues associated with completed construction work, the remaining construction work, and the operation of the dock. Copies of the scoping announcement will be available at the public meeting or can be requested by contacting the Corps Seattle District as described above. Corps' representatives will answer questions pertaining to the scope of the EIS, and accept scope-related comments.

The EIS will be prepared according to the Corps' procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4332(C), and consistent with the Corps' policy to facilitate public understanding and review of agency proposals. As part of the EIS process a full range of reasonable alternatives will be evaluated. Development of the Draft EIS will begin after the close of the public scoping period. The Draft EIS is expected to be available for public review in the Fall 2010.

Michelle Walker,

Chief, Regulatory, Seattle District.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Publication of State Plan Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to sections 254(a)(11)(A) and 255(b) of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Public Law 107–252, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) hereby causes to be published in the **Federal Register** changes to the HAVA state plan previously submitted by Illinois.

DATES: This notice is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Whitener, Telephone 202–566–3100 or 1–866–747–1471 (toll-free).

Submit Comments: Any comments regarding the plan published herewith should be made in writing to the chief election official of the individual state at the address listed below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 24, 2004, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission published in the **Federal Register** the original HAVA state plans filed by the fifty states, the District of Columbia and the Territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. 69 FR 14002. HAVA anticipated that states, territories and the District of Columbia would change or update their plans from time to time pursuant to HAVA section 254(a)(11) through (13). HAVA sections 254(a)(11)(A) and 255 require EAC to publish such updates. This is the fourth revision to the state plan for Illinois.

The amendments to Illinois' state plan include the adoption of a state-based administrative complaint procedure and improvements to the administration of elections for federal office, and address how the state will use Title II, Section 251 funds to meet the requirements of the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE Act). In accordance with HAVA section 254(a)(12), all the state plans submitted for publication provide information on how the respective state succeeded in carrying out its previous state plan. Illinois confirms that its amendments to the state plan were developed and submitted to public comment in accordance with HAVA sections 254(a)(11), 255, and 256.

Upon the expiration of thirty days from June 10, 2010, the state is eligible to implement the changes addressed in the plan that is published herein, in accordance with HAVA section 254(a)(11)(C). EAC wishes to acknowledge the effort that went into revising this state plan and encourages further public comment, in writing, to the state election official listed below.

Chief State Election Official

Mr. Daniel W. White, Executive Director, Illinois State Board of Elections, 1020 S. Spring Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62704, Phone: (217) 782–4141, Fax: (217) 782–5959.

Thank you for your interest in improving the voting process in America.

Dated: May 26, 2010.

Thomas R. Wilkey,

Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT

STATE OF ILLINOIS

STATE PLAN

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The state plan is also available at
http://www.elections.il.gov/VotingInformation/HAVA.aspx

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The State Board of Elections is an independent constitutional agency responsible for general supervision over the administration of the registration and election laws throughout the State of Illinois. The Board consists of eight members – four Democrat and four Republican. The Board appoints an Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director to oversee the day-to-day activities of the State Board of Elections. The Executive Director serves as the Chief Election Officer for the state.

During its thirty year existence, the legislature has expanded the duties of the State Board of Elections to include many other aspects of the election process. The Board oversees and provides services to 110 election jurisdictions throughout the state. With the passage of The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), the Board will be responsible for ensuring the provisions of HAVA are implemented in a proper and timely fashion.

Legislation was passed and signed by the Governor to implement provisions under the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Among other things, Public Act 93-0574 established the Help Illinois Vote Act fund so that Illinois could receive federal funds; established new criteria in the Election Code for provisional voting; provided for the definition of a vote for punch card systems, optical scan systems and the Populex system; and authorized the use of direct recording electronic voting systems in Illinois. The Illinois State Board of Elections is now in full compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and has certified to the Election Assistance Commission that it meets all Title III Requirements.

The State Board of Elections will continue to request state funds to fulfill the HAVA requirement that the state has appropriated funds for carrying out the activities for which the requirements payment is made in an amount equal to 5 percent each year that HAVA Requirements funds are made available to Illinois.

This amended state plan continues to outline how the state will distribute and monitor monies received and how the state is meeting requirements of the Help America Vote Act.

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Section 1. Title III Requirements Payment

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.

Section 301 Voting Systems Standards

Each election jurisdiction now complies with the HAVA requirement that one fully accessible machine be available in each polling place. All other voting systems meet HAVA requirements in that they 1) permit the voter to verify their vote before the ballot is cast and counted, 2) provide the voter with the opportunity to change the ballot before it is cast and counted, and 3) provide notice to the voter of an overvote with an opportunity to correct the ballot before it is cast and counted. All jurisdictions have equipment that meets the error rate standards established under section 3.2.1 of the voting systems standards issued by the Federal Election commission. All voting systems currently produce a permanent paper record. PA 93-0574 also requires a permanent paper record on the DRE's.

Pursuant to Public Act 93-0574, the State Board of Elections, in evaluating the feasibility of any new voting system, shall seek and accept public comment from persons of the disabled community, including but not limited to organizations of the blind.

Jurisdictions continue to purchase equipment (including software/hardware) as necessary for the proper administration of federal elections as funds are available to their jurisdiction. All voting systems purchased will meet Title III, Section 301 requirements. Funds will be made available to assist jurisdictions in paying maintenance costs on the voting equipment as well as storage and delivery of voting equipment. Jurisdictions required under the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to provide alternative language accessibility for all voting systems are allocated funds to purchase items that pertain to the Act. All voting equipment must provide for a voter verified paper trail. The election authorities are encouraged to ensure that each accessible voting machine is in working order and is fully accessible to voters with disabilities during the entire voting process.

The State Board of Elections and election jurisdictions will utilize funding to continue educating the election judges as well as training voters on the election process as well as on the voting equipment. This may include videos, powerpoint presentations and equipment.

Illinois applied for and received the Election Assistance for Individuals for Disabilities grants for FY 03 through FY 09 and will continue to apply for all future HHS funding. Election authorities will continue to audit polling places on a regular basis to ascertain if they meet accessibility standards and also publish the polling places that are accessible. Illinois will strive to have all polling places 100% accessible. This should

include the ability for a voter with a disability to voter privately and independently in the polling place. The Board will encourage the election authorities to utilize federal funds available for this purpose and consider recommendations from the disabled community and advocates.

Section 302 Provisional Voting and Voting Information Requirements

Public Act 93-0574 provided statutory language authorizing provisional voting in Illinois. All provisional voting requirements for this provision are now met. Funds will be used to support the provisional voting requirement. Election authorities shall continue to train election judges on implementing this new provision. As provided in Section 302(a)(5)(3), the State Board of Elections, continues to provide a toll free telephone number for election authorities to utilize for voters who cast provisional ballots to access to discover whether his or her vote was counted. The SBE also provides for a system which allows a voter to access the SBE website with an access code to determine if their vote was counted. The majority of the jurisdictions utilize this website to report provisional voting for all federal elections. Illinois law also allows for provisional voting if the polls remain open after closing time due to a Federal or State court order. Electronic pollbooks enable election judges to verify voter registration status and precinct information immediately, allowing for faster and more accurate processing of provisional ballots.

HAVA funds are available through a grant process for election jurisdictions for preparing and posting Voting Information Requirements in each polling place on the day of each election for Federal office. Funds are also used to purchase kiosks or similar products that provide election-related information to the voters.

The revised voter registration form includes instructions for mail-in registrants and first time voters. An Administrative Complaint procedure is in place that allows individuals who feel their rights have been violated to seek recourse.

Section 303 Computerized Statewide Voter Registration List Requirements and Requirements for Voters Who Register By Mail.

Illinois has completed the single, uniform, official centralized statewide voter registration database. We have coordinated with the Department of Public Health and Department of Corrections for the transfer of deaths and felons via electronic means. The State Board of Elections and the Office of the Secretary of State have entered into an agreement for the sharing of information in the databases. The Secretary of State's office has entered into an agreement with the Social Security office as required by HAVA. Illinois will continue to work with its primary vendor, Catalyst Consulting to perform technical upgrades on the statewide database.

The revised voter registration form allows for the applicant's driver's license number or, if no driver's license, the last 4 digits of the applicant's social security number or their full

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Secretary of State ID number. Measures are provided for in determining the validity of the numbers provided in the statewide voter registration database. The HAVA requirement that every legally registered voter in the State be assigned a unique identifier is now provided for with the statewide voter registration database.

Illinois law now provides for all requirements for a person who has registered by mail. Persons who registered to vote by mail may vote by mail-in absentee, provided they supply sufficient proof of identity. Persons who apply to register to vote by mail but do not provide adequate ID shall be notified by the election authority that the registration is not complete and that the person remains ineligible to vote in person or absentee until such proof is presented. HAVA Funds will continue to be used to upgrade and maintain the database at the state level as well as county level.

Section 402. Establishment of State-based Administrative Complaint Procedures to Remedy Grievances.

The State Board of Elections has adopted a state-based administrative complaint procedure with the adoption of Administrative Complaint Procedures and Remedy Grievance Rules and Regulations.

Section 251(b) Amendment - Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE Act)

Section 251(b) was amended on the use of requirements funds. Illinois will utilize Requirement funds to meet the requirements under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act imposed as a result of the provisions of and amendments made by the Military and Overseas Voter Act. This will include establishing procedures for absent uniformed services and overseas voters to request and receive voter registration applications and absentee ballot applications, and transmission of blank absentee ballots by mail and electronically in a timely manner (Illinois law requires a 45 day transmission time); as well as a ballot tracking mechanism that will provide a free access system that allows a UOCAVA voter to determine whether his/her absentee ballot was received by the election official.

Improving the Administration of Elections for Federal Office

The Illinois State Board of Elections is now in full compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and has certified to the Election Assistance Commission that it meets all Title III Requirements. All HAVA funds, including future requirements payments and interested earned, will be used to improve the administration of elections for federal office, providing grants for continuation of training for election officials, educating voters, replacing and updating voting systems and technology, and improving the accessibility of polling places for individuals with disabilities or the elderly.

The State Board of Elections will perform site visits on all election jurisdictions that have received HAVA funding to ensure that HAVA funding is adequately monitored.

Section 2. Illinois' Distribution of Requirements Payment

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).

The State Board of Elections will retain all responsibility for the requirements payments. It will receive, expend and account for all HAVA monies. The SBE will work with the election authorities to determine needs and spending priorities. Funds will be distributed based on availability and set to the priorities established in this plan.

The State Board of Elections will manage the requirements payments and will account for all receipts and expenditures. Election authorities will either be reimbursed for qualifying expenditures or will be awarded grants depending on individual circumstances. However, election authorities will be responsible for financial needs that exceed the specified requirements.

Illinois State Board of Elections provides funds to the 110 election jurisdictions (sub-recipients) through a grant process to comply with the Help America Vote Act. Most grants are allocated via voting age population of the jurisdiction based on the 2000 Census at this time. As the Census is conducted every ten years the allocation process will be updated accordingly. Each grant requires the election jurisdictions to submit requested paperwork. Awards are made upon receipt and approval of the information submitted to HAVA Operations. Following disbursement to the jurisdiction, a copy of the check paid to the vendor is required to ensure payment is being made in a timely manner.

The State Board of Elections will ensure all payments are accounted for by maintaining accurate records of all disbursements and performing site visits.

Section 3. Voter Education Programs

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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.

I. Voter Education

Voter education is essential to any plan for election reform. The purpose of the voter education program must be to increase voter familiarity with the requirements to register to vote, the type of voting equipment utilized and to inform voters of their rights and responsibilities at the polling place. Voter education should also help to increase voter interest and participation in the election, help attract poll workers, and decrease the voter error rate.

Voter education programs will address all aspects of the voting public with specific emphasis in reaching senior citizens, young adults, minority voters, and voters with disabilities. It will include both pre-election and election day strategies including how to register to vote, how to locate polling places, how to cast a ballot, and voters rights in the polling place.

Pre-election strategies include public service announcements in television and radio format, electronic forms of voter education, community partnerships with outreach organizations, demonstrations of the voting equipment at venues throughout the election jurisdiction, and programs geared toward use in the classroom. The State Board of Elections has and will continue to seek participation from other state agencies. The State Board of Elections will seek assistance from the Department of Rehabilitation Services, Department of Aging and Department of Human Services in providing educational materials to clients of those departments.

Pre-election day strategies include demonstrations of the voting equipment. Election day strategies include having informational posters available in polling places, and printed information regarding voting equipment usage provided in the polling place. We encourage election authorities to request vendors provide to each registered household in that jurisdiction a guide explaining operation of their particular voting equipment. The State Board of Elections will continue to enhance its voter education material already on its website and we encourage election authorities to do the same.

The State Board of Elections provides information on its website and for distribution at other agencies and organizations upon their request. This includes information on registering to vote, absentee voting, election judges, pollwatchers, provisional voting and mock election programs. Funds will continue to be used by the State Board of Elections as well as election jurisdictions through the grant process for expenses related to training and education of election judges and the public on the voting equipment and the election process, and for voter education and election judge training to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

II. Election Administrator Training

The State Board of Elections has prepared and will continue to update a Guide for Election Authorities to ensure that there is adequate knowledge of the state election laws and the implementation of these laws at the local level.

The State Board of Elections will work in conjunction with both the County Clerks Association and the Association of Election Commission Officials to facilitate an education and training program for their members. This program should include a framework for providing practical learning experiences in the administration of elections. A workshop is conducted for all newly elected county clerks and any interested current county clerks. This workshop will include presentations by State Board of Elections staff on election procedures, voting system testing, HAVA, NVRA and MOVE. All election authorities are encouraged to attend. A HAVA manual will be made available to ensure uniform implementation throughout the state.

III. Poll Worker Training

The State Board of Elections will establish uniform requirements for poll worker training throughout the state and will oversee the implementation of this training. The local election authority should be responsible for conducting most of the training programs to ensure the unique aspects of the election in each jurisdiction are clearly explained to the poll worker.

Audio-visual aids will be used for the training program. As part of the training, the program will include a portion on sensitivity for voters with disabilities. The State Board of Elections recommends election authorities involve the disabled community and advocates in their poll worker training to achieve a more comprehensive understanding of accessible voting. In establishing a uniform training program for poll workers, the State Board of Elections will serve as the liaison among all election authorities within the state to ensure participation in the training development and coordination of the information. In implementing this training program, the State Board of Elections will provide a training plan to the local election authority and will assist, where necessary, in the execution of the training. Training manuals will include, but not be limited to, information about the nature of various disabilities, the rights of voters, access to and maneuverability within polling places and the use of machines and ballots. HAVA funds are made available through a grant process for the jurisdictions for training of pollworkers and are funded as an improvement to the administration of elections for Federal office.

Section 4. Voting Systems Guidelines and Processes

How the state will adopt voting system guidelines and processes which are consistent with the requirements of section 301.

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Illinois adopted procedures in 1978 that allows no voting system to be used in the state unless approved for use by the State Board of Elections in accordance with rules set forth. The requirements for approval are found in the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/24A-16, 24B-16, and 24C-16 as well as in State Board of Elections Rules and Regulations, 26 Illinois Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Section 204.10 - 204.180.

As required in PA 93-0574 the State Board of Elections, in evaluating the feasibility of any new voting system, will accept public comment from persons in the disabled community.

Section 5. Illinois HAVA Fund

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

With the passage of SB 428 in the spring 2003 legislative session, the Help Illinois Vote Fund to implement HAVA was established. It authorized appropriation from the Fund solely to the State Board of Elections for use in accordance with the federal Act. Illinois plans to use interest generated from the Fund to help fund future needs in implementing HAVA.

As part of each year's fiscal appropriation, language will be included to give the State Board of Elections spending authority to use the funds in accordance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (as long as federal funds remain available).

The SBE Executive Director and Chief Fiscal Officer will work with the State Comptroller and State Treasurer to follow and enforce all mandated fiscal controls and policies.

Section 6. Illinois Proposed HAVA Budget

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.

It is apparent that the costs of implementing the "Help America Vote Act" will not be fully covered by the monies authorized in the Act. Priorities must be set and basic requirements of the Act must be met.

Disbursements Of Section 101 And 102 Monies

Illinois continues to utilize Section 101 monies on improving the administration of elections for Federal office, polling place accessibility, the statewide registration database, costs involved with the toll free hotline, and miscellaneous expenses relating to HAVA implementation. Section 101 continues to earn interest in the appropriate HAVA account and will be used to comply with HAVA. Monies remaining from the Section 102 funding will be distributed to election jurisdictions for additional voting equipment.

Title I	Received	Expended (as of 4/1/10)*
Section 101	$11,129,030	$8,381,346
Section 102	$33,805,617	$33,669,569

*Does not include expenditure of interest earned on cash balances. Interest earned to date from Title I funding is $2,360,600.

Section 251 Monies

The State Board of Elections will continue to request state matching funds each fiscal year funds are made available before requesting any Title II Requirements funds as appropriated by Congress. The matching funds and Title II Requirements funds will be used to meet the current and any amended Title III Requirements as well as improving the administration of federal elections. The State Board of Elections will utilize the funds as well as distribute funds to the election jurisdictions for local use.

Section 251	Received	Expended (as of 4/1/10)	State Match
FY 03	$35,283,025	$35,283,025[*1]	[*2]
FY 04	$63,312,227 (allocated) $63,309,068 (received)	$54,313,751[*1]	$5,341,749[*2]
FY 08	$4,822,248	$ 0	$253,803

[*1] Does not include expenditure of interest earned on cash balances. Interest earned to date from Section 251 funds is $7,601,500.
[*2] Combined State Match contribution for FY 03 and FY 04 fiscal years

Section 251	Allocated	State Match
FY 09	$4,193,259	$220,698
FY 10	$2,935,281	$154,490
FY 11*		
FY 12*		
FY 13*		
FY 14*		

*Future 251 funding will be used to continue supporting activities described in this plan unless otherwise noted in an amended state plan.

Section 254(A)(7) - Disbursements (State Funds)

The State Board of Elections will continue to request the maintenance of effort state funding of $550,000 each fiscal year that Federal funds are spent on the activities funded by the State for the fiscal year ending prior to November 2000. This funding reflects spending on the statewide voter registration database.

Section 261 - Disbursements

The State Board of Elections will continue to request Section 261 funds each fiscal year they are made available. This HHS grant money will be 1) distributed through a grant process using a voting age population formula for each jurisdiction, or 2) used to fund accessibility through the State Board of Elections. Either option will be using the funds to make the voting process accessibility for the elderly or voters with disabilities or to ensure the polling place itself it accessible.

Section 261	Received	Expended (as of 4/1/10)
FY 03	$511,102	$511,102
FY 04	$359,062	$359,062
FY 05	$357,156	$357,156
FY 06	$401,375	$401,375
FY 07	$397,711	$312,317
FY 08	$457,121	$ 0
FY 09	$454,764	$ 0

Section 261	Allocated
FY 10	$453,238

Section 7. Maintenance of Effort

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.

In FY00, Illinois had an appropriation of $550,000 for the uniform registration formatting project (now called the statewide voter registration system project). This amount will continue to be appropriated in the agency's budget each fiscal year that requirement funding is utilized for this purpose. Funding will continue to be used for development, updating and maintenance of the Statewide Voter Registration Database as dictated by the mandates of HAVA.

The State Board of Elections will establish a Maintenance of Expenditure policy based on final guidance from the EAC. The plan will capture an MOE from all eligible state and local entities that spent state funds on HAVA eligible expenses during FY 99 – July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. Progress or changes to MOE will be reported in the annual HAVA report.

Section 8. Performance Goals and Measures

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.

After a review of applicable State Laws and Administrative Codes, the State Board of Elections and the Committee determined its performance goals and set timelines in order to meet the requirements of HAVA. Each performance goal has been met and continues to be followed.

Punch Card Buyout completed January 1, 2006 (waiver approved). Replaced punch card voting systems in 10,590 eligible precincts. SBE maintains a database of voting systems used by each county.

Accessible voting machines – completed January 1, 2006 – Each polling place now has voting equipment which allows a disabled voter to vote unassisted.

Polling place accessibility – November 2006 - Provide accessible polling places for each precinct. Election Authorities report polling place accessibility to SBE through surveys. Staff continues to work with election authorities to ensure all polling places are accessible to the elderly and voters with disabilities.

Provisional ballot - Completed January 2004 - Procedures provided for by PA 93-0574. Procedures were developed for voting and processing ballots and to inform provisional voter of outcome. Provisional ballots must be tracked for the purposes of adding to final canvass and reporting to provisional voter.

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Definition of vote – Completed January 2004 – Provides for standards for recount procedures.

State-wide voter registration system – Completed April 2009. System provides means for uploading voter information from counties to state-wide database.

Administrative Complaint procedure – Completed November 2004 – Board Rules provide a means of receiving, reporting and resolving complaints from voters. Track complaints and resolutions through an annual report.

Education and Training – Completed January 2004 - Provide voter education and enhanced election judges training; report voter education through election authority surveys. Election Authorities currently report the # of Election Judges who have tested for each election.

Section 9. State-Based Administrative Complaint Procedures

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

The Illinois State Board of Elections developed administrative rules that allows any person who believes there is, has been, or is about to be a violation of Title III of HAVA to file a complaint.

The complaint must be in writing, sworn and notarized. At the complainant's request, there will be a hearing on the record. If the State finds a violation, it will provide an appropriate remedy. If the State determines a violation has not occurred, the complaint will be dismissed and the results will be published. The State will make a final determination on a complaint within 90 days, unless the complainant consents to a longer period for making such a determination.

The 90-day period begins on the date the complaint is filed. If the State cannot meet this 90-day deadline, the complaint will be resolved within 60 days under an alternative dispute resolution procedure. This 60-day period for resolving a complaint under an alternative dispute resolution process begins after the 90-day period expires. The record and other materials from any proceedings conducted under the complaint procedures shall be made available for use under the alternative dispute resolution procedures. All procedures will be administered in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner.

The State Board of Elections has adopted a state-based administrative complaint procedure with the adoption of Administrative Complaint Procedures and Remedy Grievance Rules and Regulations.

Section 10. Effect of Title I Payments

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.

Title I money (Section 101 – payments to states to improve administration of elections) received are being used to

1) comply with the requirements under Title III;
2) educate voters concerning voting procedures, voting rights, voting technology ;
3) train election officials, poll workers and election volunteers;
4) prepare the state plan;
5) improve the voting process by purchasing or replacing voting systems and technology; and
6) improve the accessibility of polling places.

Title I money (Section 102) was used to replace punch card machines in 10,590 precincts. The punch card buyout task force recommended that punch card buyout funds be distributed to each eligible local election jurisdiction based upon the number of precincts in that jurisdiction that used punch cards for the November 2000 election. All 97 eligible jurisdictions requested the funds to replace their existing punch card voting equipment. Remaining Section 102 funds will be provided to election jurisdictions to purchase additional voting equipment.

Section 11. Illinois State Plan Management

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).

Illinois will manage the ongoing plan in the manner described in the State Plan. No material changes will be made to the Plan unless the change is adopted in conformance with language found in Section 254 (a) (11) of the Help America Vote Act 2002.

The Chief Election Official will conduct meetings with the HAVA State Planning Committee and its task forces as necessary to discuss the progress and objectives of the State Plan and will continue to comply with the HAVA deadlines for submitting

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HAVA state plans in future years. HAVA Operations staff has and will continue to review the State Plan periodically. If necessary, the plan is revised and submitted to the State Planning Committee for comments as well as published for public comment before submission to the Election Assistance Commission.

Section 12. Changes to Plan from Previous Fiscal Year

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.

The State Board of Elections and/or all election jurisdictions will continue to use Title II, Section 251 funds, made available to them to meet the requirements of Title III and/or to improve the administration of elections for Federal office. Funds will also be used for other purchases related to HAVA, Section 101.

Illinois will continue to disperse Health and Human Services funds to the jurisdictions to provide for polling place accessibility improvements or will provide accessibility services itself. Illinois will continue to provide for voters with disabilities as more HAVA funds become available.

Illinois will comply with the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act and HAVA funding will be used to meet these requirements. Illinois will comply with Maintenance of Expenditure in accordance with the guidance provided by the Election Assistance Commission.

Section 13. State Planning Committee

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.

The first state plan was developed through a committee of appropriate individuals, including the chief election officials of the two most populous jurisdictions, other election officials, stakeholders (such as representatives of groups of individuals with disabilities) and other citizens, as well as the Chief State Election Official. This year's state plan was updated by HAVA Operations staff and distributed to all members of the State Planning Committee.

The draft State plan will be available on the Board's website and published for public comment for 30 days (comments due no later than May 10, 2010). Comments from the Committee will be taken into account before the Plan is submitted to the Board for approval on May 17, 2010. The amended state plan will be submitted to the Election

Assistance Commission for posting in the Federal Register. The full committee may meet again as necessary.

Daniel W. White, Executive Director, Illinois State Board of Elections,

Members of the Updated State Planning Committee are:

Matt Abrahamson, Dept. of Rehabilitation Services
Steve Bean, Macon County Clerk
Tom Benzinger, Access Living
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Laurie Dittman, Chicago Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
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Barb Gross, Morgan County Clerk
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Steve Handschu, National Federation of the Blind of Illinois
Sharon Holmes, DeKalb County Clerk
Bill Houlihan, Office of Senator Richard Durbin
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