for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as appropriate.

A number of on-site and off-site alternatives, including the no action alternative, will be evaluated in the DEIS in accordance with NEPA and the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines.

As part of the Corps 404 permitting process, pre-application interagency meetings have been held to provide information and identify issues and concerns. In addition, meetings have been held with local environmental organizations for the same purposes. Preliminary issues identified as part of this process include: Water quality, heavy metals, nutrient loading, fresh water exchange, changes in salinity, and brine shrimp habitat, economic issues and cultural resources. Additionally, potential avian impacts were identified to waterfowl, shorebirds, and raptors including the American white pelican, snowy plover, Canada goose, and others.

The above determinations are based on information provided by the applicant and upon the Corps' preliminary review. The Corps is soliciting verbal and written comments from the public, Federal, state and local agencies and officials, Native American tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. The Corps' public involvement program includes multiple opportunities for interested parties to provide written and oral comments. Affected Federal, state, local agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and the general public are invited to participate.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting agenda.

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, June 17, 2009; 1 p.m.–4 p.m. EDT.

PLACE: U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Ave, NW., Suite 150, Washington, DC 20005 (Metro Stop: Metro Center).

AGENDA: The Commission will hold a public meeting to consider administrative matters. The Commission will receive an update on guidance to the States regarding 2009 requirements payments. The Commission will consider a report to Congress on the Election Data Collection Grants. The Commission will discuss a report to Congress on the Impact of the National Voter Registration Act. The Commission will discuss the 2010 Election Day Survey. Members of the public may observe but not participate in EAC meetings unless this notice provides otherwise.

Members of the public may use small electronic audio recording devices to record the proceedings. The use of other recording equipment and cameras requires advance notice to and coordination with the Commission's Communications Office.*

* View *EAC Regulations Implementing Government in the Sunshine Act*.

This Meeting Will be Open to the Public.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Bryan Whitener, Telephone: (202) 566–3100.

Alice Miller,

Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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U.S. 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 plans 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 Illinois' third revision to its State plan.

The revised State plan from Illinois addresses changes in the respective budgets of the previously submitted State plans and accounts for the use of Fiscal Year 2008 requirements payments. 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. The States all confirm that these changes to their respective State plans 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, 2009, 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 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: June 4, 2009.

Thomas R. Wilkey,

Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT

STATE OF ILLINOIS

STATE PLAN

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April 2009

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 legislature passed, and the Governor signed, a bill which appropriated $253,803 from the General Revenue Fund to the State Board of Elections 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 and will allow the State Board of Elections to request federal FY 08 funding.

A computerized statewide voter registration system is in place and is now in compliance with HAVA. The State Board of Elections has certified to the Election Assistance Commission that it now meets all Title III Requirements.

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INTRODUCTION

The revised Illinois State Plan continues to outline how the state will distribute and monitor the monies received and how the state is meeting or will meet the requirements of the Act. It is designed to be a flexible document and subject to alteration as conditions might warrant.

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 plan which follows is divided into the thirteen sections which are enumerated in Section 254 of the Act.

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

Public Act 93-0574 (PA 93-0574) authorized the use of Direct Recording Electronic Voting systems (DRE) approved by the State Board of Elections. Rules were promulgated and staff has tested and certified accessible voting equipment for use in Illinois. Each election jurisdiction now complies with the HAVA requirement that one fully accessible machine be available in each polling place. These systems must be fully accessible to permit blind or visually impaired voters as well as physically disabled voters to exercise their right to vote in private and without assistance. All election jurisdictions now have at least one accessible voting system in every polling place for the federal elections. 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.

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. Any equipment purchased with newly appropriated HAVA funds made available after January 1, 2007 will meet the voting system standards for disability access. 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. Four jurisdictions are required under the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to provide alternative language accessibility for all voting systems and will purchase items that pertain to the Act. All voting equipment must provide for a voter verified paper trail.

Election jurisdictions will continue educating the election judges as well as training voters on the election process as well as new voting equipment. The Election Judge manual includes information on assisting voters with disabilities. Videos, powerpoint presentations and other creative ideas will be used to train judges and voters on the above. This portion suggests common courtesies and guidelines for the election judges in assisting voters. In addition, the SBE distributed to all election authorities a disability etiquette booklet published by the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association. This booklet provides tips on interacting with people with disabilities.

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In addition to the one accessible voting system in every polling place, all 110 election jurisdictions are now using a voting system that does not use punch card equipment. These 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.

Illinois applied for and received the Election Assistance for Individuals for Disabilities grants for FY 03, FY 04, FY 05, FY 06, FY 07 and FY 08. These grants together amounted to $2,483,527. 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.

All election jurisdictions were notified of the requirement for posting Voting Information Requirements in each polling place on the day of each election for Federal office.

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. Legislation was passed in the Spring of 2005 that limited the spending authority for the database to an amount of $8,650,000. This legislation also prohibits the electronic transfer of voter registrations from the Secretary of State to the State Board of Elections. We have coordinated with the Department of Public Health and Department of Corrections for the transfer of deaths and felons via electronic means. 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 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.

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 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 provide inadequate 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.

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Section 3. Voter Education Programs

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 will develop voter education programs in partnership with all stakeholders, including local election authorities, community representatives, and

advocacy organizations. As the Secretary of State, Division of Motor Vehicles, registers many voters, information should be provided at these sites educating voters as they register. Funds will continue to be used for expenses related to training and education of election judges and the public on the voting equipment and the election process.

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. It must also include requirements of HAVA 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. The compensation for attending election day training should be increased to encourage poll workers to attend this important learning program.

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.

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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.

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.

Below is a summary of voting systems currently in use in Illinois (all having in-precinct counting)

System	# of Election Jurisdictions	Current # of Precincts
Optech Insight	2	4,869
Accu-vote Optical Scan	63	3,442
Optical Scan M100	42	2,894
E-Slate	4 (1 for early voting only)	369

Accessible Voting System	# of Election Jurisdictions	Current # of Precincts
AVC Edge	2	4,869
Accu-vote TSX	60	3,287
AutoMARK	45	3,049
E-Slate	3	369

Total number of precincts at the February 5, 2008 primary election – 11,574

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. Governor Blagojevich signed the bill on August 21, 2003 providing for a special fund within the State Treasury to receive federal funds under the Help America Vote Act of 2002. 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.

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DISBURSEMENTS OF SECTION 101 AND 102 MONIES

	Federal Appropriation To All States	Federal Appropriation To Illinois	Expended In Illinois (as of 2/28/09)
Section 101	$349,182,262	$11,129,030	$10,475,262*
For discretionary use by jurisdictions to provide for: election administration improvements and polling place accessibility			$7,187,482
Computerized statewide voter registration database and related costs (does NOT include costs paid through State 'maintenance of effort' funds)			$1,780,258
Sub-Grants to Secretary of State			$ 869,838
Toll free telephone hotline			$ 2,434
Misc expenses relating to HAVA implementation			$ 635,250
Section 102	$300,317,738	$33,805,617	$33,669,569
Punch card buyout - $3,192.22 per precinct			$33,669,569

*Includes expenditure of interest earned on fund balances

SECTION 251 MONIES

Section 251 - Requirements Payments (federal fiscal years)					
FY 03 Federal Authorized Funds	FY 03 Federal Appropriation Illinois share	FY 04 Federal Authorized Funds	FY 04 Federal Appropriation Illinois share	FY 08 Federal Authorized Funds	FY 08 Federal Appropriation Illinois share
$1.4 billion	$830,000,000 ---------- $35,283,025	$1 billion	$1,489,360,620 ---------- $63,312,227 $63,309,068 --(actual rec'd)--	$115 million	$4,822,248
FY 03 expended funds (as of 2/28/09) $35,283,025		FY 04 expended funds (as of 2/28/09) $58,543,211*		FY 08 expended funds – funds not requested yet	

The State Board of Elections received the required 5% state match in the FY05 budget request to meet the requirement for both federal fiscal year FY03 and FY04. The amount received was $5 million which was spent on accessible voting equipment. Section 251 monies spent to date on upgrading voting equipment to meet error rates under section 3.2.1 of the voting systems standards, accessible voting equipment and to meet Title III Requirements.

A state match for FY 08 appropriated funds has been allocated in the State Board of Elections FY09 budget in the amount of $253,803. These funds will be used to meet the Title III Requirements as well as improving the administration of federal elections.

*Includes expenditure of interest earned on fund balances.

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SECTION 254(A)(7) - DISBURSEMENTS (STATE FUNDS)

FY04, 05, 06, 07 and 08 Appropriated Funds	FY04, 05, 06, 07 and 08 Expended	FY09 Appropriated Funds	FY 09 Expended (as of 2/28/09)
$550,000 each year	$550,000 each year	$550,000	$550,000

SECTION 261 - DISBURSEMENTS

FY06 Federal Appropriated Funds ---------- Illinois Share	FY 07 Federal Appropriated funds ---------- Illinois share	FY08 Federal Appropriated funds ---------- Illinois share
$10,890,000 ---------- $401,375	$10,890,000 ---------- $397,711	$12,154,000 ---------- $457,121
FY06 expended funds (as of 2/28/09) $401, 375	FY07 expended funds (as of 2/28/09) $173,985	FY08 expended funds (as of 2/28/09) $ 0

The State Board of Elections distributes the HHS grant money through an application process. It is allocated using a voting age population formula for each jurisdiction. Illinois received $511,102 in FY 03, $359,062 in FY04, $357,156 in FY 05, and $401,375 in FY 06 – all of these funds have been expended.

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 continues to be appropriated in the agency's budget each fiscal year.

We continue to use the money to continue development of the Statewide Voter Registration Database as dictated by the mandates of HAVA.

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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.

A review of applicable State Laws and Administrative Codes will be undertaken to determine any changes necessary to accomplish the goals of the Help America Vote Act and to ensure compliance through reporting by Election Authorities. The State Board of Elections will revise any existing reporting procedures to include measures of performance for requirements under the Act.

Requirement	Completion	Goal	Measures
Punch Card Buyout	Jan 1, 2006 (waiver approved)	Replace systems in 10,590 eligible precincts	SBE maintains a database of voting systems used by each county, which will be expanded to include critical elements.
Accessible voting machine	Jan 1, 2006	Equipment which allows a disabled voter to vote unassisted in each polling place	Criteria for accessibility certification will be developed to track compliance.
Polling place accessibility	Nov 2006	Provide accessible polling places for each precinct	Election Authorities report polling place accessibility to SBE through surveys. A more precise survey will be devised to insure compliance.
Provisional ballot (Procedures provided for by PA 93-0574)	Jan 2004	Develop procedures for voting and processing ballots Develop system to inform voter of outcome	Provisional ballots must be tracked for the purposes of adding to final canvass and reporting to provisional voter.

Requirement	Completion	Goal	Measures
Definition of vote (Complete - SB428)	Jan 2004	Provide standards for recount procedures	A means of reporting election contests will be developed.
State-wide voter registration system	April 2009	Provide means for uploading voter information from counties to state-wide database	Ratio of counties with equipment and procedures in place to upload information
Grievance procedure	Admin. Complaint Procedure in place	Provide a means of receiving, reporting and resolving complaints from voters	Track complaints and resolutions through an annual report.
Education and Training	Jan 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.

The State Board of Elections will assist election authorities to develop standard reports and procedures to measure critical areas of each requirement: scope, schedule, and resources. Reporting requirements will assist SBE in collecting data to report on performance.

- SCOPE: Measure size of project (# of precincts, registered voters, polling places, etc)
- SCHEDULE: Target start and stop dates, actual start stop dates, periodic review of progress (% completed)
- RESOURCES: Measure personnel and existing resources committed to each project as well as financial resources needed to complete the project.

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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.

Illinois' election jurisdictions are using Title II, Section 251 funds, made available to them to meet the requirements of Title III. All jurisdictions used Title II funds to purchase accessible voting equipment. A certification was submitted to the Election Assistance Commission which will allow Illinois to utilize an amount of the funds to improve the administration of federal elections under Section 251(b). Jurisdictions continue to improve the education of voters and election judges on the voting equipment and the voting process. Funds will be used for other purchases related to HAVA, Section 101.

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

Illinois continues work on the computerized state voter registration system to bring it into full compliance with the Help America Vote Act.

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 SBE 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 20). Comments from the Committee will be taken into account before the Plan is submitted to the Board for approval on May 18. If additional comments are received in the two days following May 18, they will be considered as well. An 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
Bill Blessman, Mason County Clerk
Bernice Bloom, Citizen
Kathy Bruns, House Republican Staff
Hollister Bundy, Inclusion Solutions, Inc.
Ray Campbell, Illinois Council of the Blind
Cynthia Canary, Illinois Campaign for Political Reform
Rance Carpenter, Department of Aging
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Peggy Ann Milton, McLean County Clerk
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Zena Naiditch, Equip for Equality, Inc.
Doreen Nelson, DuPage County Election Commission
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