

Help American Vote Act
State Planning Committee
Minutes April 9, 2003

Chairman and facilitator of the Committee, Dr. James Weatherby, called the meeting to order. Committee members or their representatives in attendance were Tim Hurst, Barbara Roberts, Sharon Widner, David Navarro, Noel Hales, Bob Fort, Rose Gehring, Jim Hansen, Eleanor Chehey, Duane Smith, Minidoka County Clerk representing Association of Commissioners and Clerks, Kelly Buckland and Dave Gipson. Members absent were Brian Kane, John Sandy, Dan English, Emil Drzayich, Representative Wendy Jaquet and Representative Bill Deal. Secretary of State, Ben Yursa, staff person from the Secretary of State's office, and Rex Sermon a member of the Technical Subcommittee .

Dr. Weatherby stated that a draft of the state plan had been emailed to committee members on April 7, The Committee would go through the draft of the proposed state plan section by section for discussion and recommendations for change, and approval for submission for circulation for comment by the public.

Barbara Roberts asked when the report from the Technical Committee would be available. Tim Hurst stated that such report would not be available for at least a couple of months. Mr. Hurst stated that different vendors would be presenting their system at the next scheduled meeting on the 23rd of April. Mr. Hurst stated that the Technical Committee is still exploring what has been developed, what will best accommodate the needs of the counties and what type of conversion process will be necessary. The plan to develop a statewide registration list is to be prepared to go out with a RFP in July. Dr. Weatherby stated that Technical Subcommittee would report back to the full Committee when the report is available.

The Committee, in review of the draft plan, made the following changes:

Introduction:

Page 2, second paragraph.

*Idaho recognizes that voter participation is disproportionately low in some demographic groups inserted before young people to be followed with *and citizens with limited English language proficiency.**

Page 2, third paragraph

Insert at the beginning of the second sentence *effective implementation of many delete most.*

Page 3, first paragraph

Add a sentence at end of paragraph. *The Secretary of State will also involve the political parties and civic groups working on voter participation issues.*

State Plan Required Elements

1. Title III Requirements and Other Activities

Page 3, first paragraph of proposed plan text

Reword and replace handicapped *with disabilities* (this change was made throughout the document).

Describe what a DRE is.

Secretary of State, Ysursa updated the Committee on funding. Mr. Ysursa stated the first five million should be received and deposited into the Democracy Fund by the end of the week. Mr. Ysursa stated that in the Secretary of State's budget there is authority to carryover a surplus to be deposited into the Democracy Fund, however unless there is a surplus in the general fund at the end of June there will not be any carryover money. If the State cannot provide matching funds, Mr. Ysursa is hopeful that the counties would be able to provide the funds with the commitment from the state that the counties would be credited for their contribution when matching funds were access for replacement of their voting equipment.

Lengthy discussion was held in regard to paragraph 4 and the language concerning the development and phasing in of a single statewide DRE voting system from a single vendor. Secretary Ysursa, asked the committee for clarification of the motion made and incorporated into the state plan draft regarding a mandate phasing in a uniform statewide voting system. The tenor of the motion is that it is a state decision and not a county commissioner or county clerk decision. Bob Fort stated that in the making the motion at the meeting on April 26th, it was his intention that it be a mandate that all ballots be cast on one type of voting system statewide. Other committee members indicated it was not their intention to mandate that every county use the same system but rather if and when replacing a voting system the county would be mandated to purchase the type of voting system selected by the state.

4th paragraph fourth sentence change

Bob Fort made a motion to insert after the word Clerks add *and Idaho Association of Commissioners and Clerks*

Rose Gehring seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous.

Tim Hurst made the motion to remove the phrase phasing in.

4th paragraph last sentence

Tim Hurst made a substitute motion to change the wording in paragraph 4 to clarify that, when rather than shall a county makes the decision to change from their current system, if

a statewide voting system is to be used, the state would determine the DRE to be purchased.

Rose Gehring seconded the motion

All in favor with the exception of Bob Fort voting nay.

Replace last sentence to incorporate Mr. Hurst's motion to: *If a single statewide system is to be used, the state would determine the type of DRE to be purchased when a county makes the decision to change from their current system.*

2. Idaho's Distribution of Requirements Payment

Page 5 last paragraph in 2, last sentence
delete *mandating and*

3. Voter Education, Election Official Education and Training and Poll Worker Training.

Page 5

A. insert *register and* cast a vote

Page 5

add

K. *Provide voter information programs for those persons with disabilities.*

L. *Develop a "best practices" training program for election officials.*

4. Voting System Guidelines and Processes

Page 6

B. delete in remote rural counties

C. reword after attain: change handicap to *disabilities*, delete *ballot*, replace inform with *assist*

Voting Information Requirements (Section 302)

last sentence insert after ballots *posted in the polling place*

Computerized Statewide Voter Registration List

last 2 sentences – delete any reference to specific vendors

5. Idaho's HAVA Fund Management

No changes

6. Idaho's HAVA Budget

page 9 after #5, first paragraph
after Services insert *for polling place accessibility*

7. Maintenance of Effort

No change.

8. How the State will adopt performance goals and measures.

Page 9 first paragraph, first sentence
insert after will *develop measurable outcomes in its performance goals and*

Page 10
delete D

9. State-Based Administrative Complaint Procedures

No change

10. Effect of Title I Payments

Page 11
add 6. *Plan Development and Administration for \$100,000* and reallocate the amounts
to reflect the change.

11. Idaho HAVA State Plan Management.

Page 11
Tim Hurst passed out a sheet replacing the language of number 11.

No change to replacement

12. State Plan Development and Committee

No change.

Kelly Buckland made the motion to approve the draft plan with changes.

Duane Smith seconded the motion

Vote unanimous.

Dr. Weatherby stated that the committee would meet next at the pleasure of the chair.

Meeting adjourned.