

**Subtitle B—Testing, Certification,  
Decertification,  
and Recertification of Voting  
System Hardware and Software  
SEC. 202. DUTIES.**

The Commission shall serve as a national clearinghouse and resource for the compilation of information and review of procedures with respect to the administration of Federal elections by—

(1) carrying out the duties described in part 3 (relating to the adoption of voluntary voting system guidelines), including the maintenance of a clearinghouse of information on the experiences of State and local governments in implementing the guidelines and in operating voting systems in general;

2) carrying out the duties described in subtitle B (relating to the testing, certification, decertification, and recertification of voting system hardware and software);

**SEC. 231. CERTIFICATION AND TESTING OF  
VOTING SYSTEMS.**

(a) CERTIFICATION AND TESTING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall provide for the testing, certification, decertification, and recertification of voting system hardware and software by accredited laboratories.

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**Summation of HAVA text**

Commission tasked to do the federal testing and certifications on Voting Systems

Commission provides the federal testing and certifications of Voting Systems by accredited VSTLs..

(2) OPTIONAL USE BY STATES.—At the option of a State, the State may provide for the testing, certification, decertification, or recertification of its voting system hardware and software by the laboratories accredited by the Commission under this section

States can accredit Voting systems with VSTLs accredited by the Commission.

(b) LABORATORY ACCREDITATION.—

(1) RECOMMENDATIONS BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY.—Not later than 6 months after the Commission first adopts voluntary voting system guidelines under part 3 of subtitle A, the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall conduct an evaluation of independent, non-Federal laboratories and shall submit to the Commission a list of those laboratories the Director proposes to be accredited to carry out the testing, certification, decertification, and recertification provided for under this section.

NIST conducts and certifies VSTLs

NIST Director proposes VSTLs to the Commission to be accredited to do Voting systems accreditation for the Commission

(2) APPROVAL BY COMMISSION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall vote on the accreditation of any laboratory under this section, taking into consideration the list submitted under paragraph (1), and no laboratory may be accredited for purposes of this section unless its accreditation is approved by a vote of the Commission.

(B) ACCREDITATION OF LABORATORIES NOT ON DIRECTOR LIST.—The Commission shall publish an explanation for the accreditation of any laboratory not included on the list submitted by the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology under paragraph (1).

Commission Votes on Accreditation of VSTLs. Only the Commission by vote can revoke an VSTL Accreditation.

(c) CONTINUING REVIEW BY NATIONAL  
INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS  
AND TECHNOLOGY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In cooperation with the Commission and in consultation with the Standards Board and the Board of Advisors, the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall monitor and review, on an ongoing basis, the performance of the laboratories accredited by the Commission under this section, and shall make such recommendations to the Commission as it considers appropriate with respect to the continuing accreditation of such laboratories, including recommendations to revoke the accreditation of any such laboratory.

(2) APPROVAL BY COMMISSION REQUIRED  
FOR REVOCATION.—

The accreditation of a laboratory for purposes of this section may not be revoked unless the revocation is approved by a vote of the Commission.

NIST shall monitor VSTLs

(NOTE NIST monitors by re-certifying VSLP)

VSTLs accreditation may not be revoked

unless voted on and approved by the Commission