



STATE OF IDAHO

STATE PLAN

As required by Public Law 107-252,
Help America Vote Act 2002, Section 253
(b)

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Idaho Votes
Every Vote Counts

6. Idaho's 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. – HAVA Section 254 (a) (6)*

Section 101 money deposited into the Democracy Fund should be used in the following order of priority:

1. Statewide voter registration list
2. Voting System Replacement
3. Election Worker Training
4. State Plan Development and Compliance Monitoring

Grants available from U.S. Health and Human Services for polling place accessibility will continue to be applied for by the Secretary of State to develop training materials and to assist counties in meeting their accessibility needs.

Title II money received will be used to purchase equipment that meets the requirements of Title III, including the accessible voting device for the blind and visually impaired in each polling place, and will be deposited in the Democracy Fund to be made available to the various counties to upgrade or replace their voting systems. Funds will also be used to develop a statewide voter registration system and will also be deposited and maintained in the Democracy Fund to provide ongoing operation and support for the system.

The chart below lists the activities and costs of HAVA activities to be implemented in Idaho using both Title I and Title II monies for each activity. The chart reflects the dollars to be used if HAVA is fully funded and the state received its full share of the funds.

Overall HAVA Compliance Budget

HAVA Requirement	Estimated Cost	Title II Funds	Title I Funds
Statewide voter registration system development	\$5,000,000	\$4,500,000	\$500,000
Statewide voter registration system operations and support	\$1,800,000	\$1,000,000	\$800,000
Accessible voting device for each polling place	\$6,300,000	\$6,300,000	
Voting system upgrade grant program for counties	\$6,300,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,300,000
Voter education and outreach	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Election worker training	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
State plan development and HAVA compliance monitoring	\$200,000		\$200,000

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. – HAVA Section 254 (a) (10)

Section 101. Payments to States for activities to improve administration of elections.

Idaho is eligible for approximately \$5 million under Section 101. These funds will be used for activities to meet the following requirements:

1. Statewide voter registration system	\$ 500,000
2. On-going support of voter registration system	\$ 800,000
3. Voter Education	\$ 100,000
4. Election Worker Training	\$ 100,000
5. Plan development and administration	\$ 200,000
6. Voting System Upgrades	\$3,300,000
TOTAL	\$5,000,000

Idaho is a “minimum state” for receiving HAVA funds. All of the funds received under Title I will be required to be used in meeting the requirements of Title III and to purchase replacement voting systems that meet the requirements of Title II.

12. Changes to State 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. – HAVA Section 254 (a) (12).

The 2004 Plan has been updated with this 2008 Amended Plan. Changes in the Plan consist of the following:

- Addition of \$575,000 in Title II funds to provide full funding of the amount authorized by Congress under HAVA.
- Details the use of Title I and Title II funds to meet the requirements of HAVA.
- Changes the budget of the Title I funds

Summary of Successes to Date

The State of Idaho has been working diligently to address the requirements of HAVA. Below are some of the successes to date and the State's ongoing efforts to meet the requirements and improve federal elections.

Statewide Voter Registration System

In order to meet the requirement of HAVA Section 303, the State entered into a contract with Covansys (now Saber Government Solutions) to develop a statewide voter registration system. The contract included all application programming and hardware specifications, which were purchased separately, along with the conversion of each county's database to the statewide database and to provide access to each county elections office over a secure state intranet.

As with any new computer application, the system requires ongoing maintenance and support in order to achieve optimum performance and the State is working with the various counties and Saber to achieve that.

Accessible Voting Equipment

The State purchased a voter assistance device for each polling place in the state. The devices allow those with disabilities, including the blind and sight impaired, to vote privately and independently on an optical scan ballot.

Voting System Upgrades

Idaho uses three method of voting in federal elections: (1) hand counted paper ballots, (2) punch cards and (3) optical scan ballots. In order to provide voting systems that meet the requirements of Section 301 of HAVA, the State has set up a grant program that allows the counties to request funding to upgrade their current system by purchasing new equipment. The grant program requires the counties to provide a 20% match to the money provided by the State.

Voter Education and Poll Worker Training

Idaho counties utilize both central count and precinct count vote tabulation. Since approximately one-third of the counties use hand count paper ballots and others use central count systems, an extensive voter education and poll worker education program has been set up and is on-going to make certain that voters are instructed on the effect of casting multiple votes for an office, instructions on how to correct an error made in voting before the ballot is cast and the accessibility of polling places.

Training materials, including video presentations, have been developed or updated and distributed for instructing election workers on the proper set-up and operations of

the voter assistance device and to heighten the awareness and sensitivity of election workers to the special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities.

13. State Plan Development and 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 255 and section 256. – HAVA Section 254 (a) (13)

The HAVA State Planning Committee consists of individuals representing a cross-section of election stakeholders. The Committee was selected by Secretary of State Ben Ysursa.

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