MEDIA ADVISORY
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EAC to Host Virtual Roundtable Discussion on the E-Poll Book Testing Pilot Program Considerations

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will hold a virtual roundtable discussion on the agency's forthcoming electronic poll book, or e-poll book, testing pilot program. The purpose of this meeting is to gather feedback from stakeholders and experts on the EAC's pilot program for e-poll books and explore the needs, considerations, opportunities, and challenges the EAC needs to be aware of to ensure this program is a success.

The use of e-poll books by election jurisdictions has been steadily growing. According to the 2020 Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS), 1,991 local election jurisdictions reported using e-poll books, with 17 states using e-poll books in all of their jurisdictions. This technology is an important tool for election officials and poll workers and serves a range of purposes, from checking in voters, to looking up polling locations, and alerting staff if a voter has already cast a ballot.

Some states that use e-poll books have certification programs, but even those requirements vary. There is no federal program at this point to test and certify e-poll books, but the EAC is working to address this need. The agency is using events like this to understand the needs of stakeholders as development of the pilot continues.

The event will be live streamed on **Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. ET** on the **EAC's YouTube Channel**. A recording of the event will be available on EAC.gov after the event.

The roundtable will consist of three panels. The first panel will have representatives from e-poll book manufacturers, followed by representatives from the two EAC accredited voting system test labs (VSTLs). The final panel will include election officials who bring various experiences with this technology and certification programs in their jurisdictions. More information will be available on the event page.

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The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) was established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). It is an independent, bipartisan commission charged with ensuring secure, accurate and accessible elections by developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, and serving as a national clearinghouse of information on election administration. EAC also accredits testing laboratories and certifies voting systems, as well as administers the use of HAVA funds. For more information, visit **www.eac.gov***.*

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