

The NVRA Connection

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UPCOMING 2005 ELECTION DATES

Registration Cutoff Date	Election Date
August 30	September 20, 2005
October 18	November 8, 2005

2004 NVRA SURVEY RESULTS

Because of your assistance in providing the information, we were able to complete the 2004 NVRA Survey for the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). We recently received from the EAC the published result - "A Report to the 109th Congress - The Impact of The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 on the Administration of Elections for Federal Office – 2003-2004."

Although this is the sixth NVRA report to Congress, this is the first report submitted by the EAC. The previous five reports were submitted by the Federal Election Commission (FEC), however Section 802 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) transferred to the EAC all functions that the FEC exercised under section 9(a) of NVRA before HAVA enactment.

Highlights of this report include the statistic that 26 million applications were new valid registrations. Additionally, the report finds that the number of applications received through the mail, and those received from motor vehicle agencies are virtually the same at 32.4% and 32.8% respectively.

One recommendation put forth by the EAC suggests that states should perform voter registration list maintenance through electronic means. Another recommendation is that the statewide voter registration databases required by HAVA to be operational by January 1, 2006, should be capable of tracking a registrant's voting and registration history. Oregon's Centralized Voter Registration System encompasses those recommendations.

To view the complete report go to:

<http://www.eac.gov/docs/NVRA-2004-Survey.pdf>

SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE

As discussed in our last issue we are working on distributing information electronically to all agency sites. Additionally to aid in the administration of the National Voter Registration Act we have created an area on our website where you can find the following:

- Past issues of The NVRA Connection
- The NVRA Implementation Guide for Agency Personnel
- And all associated forms

To access these valuable tools go to:

<http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/votreg/nvra.html>

OREGON BLUE BOOK

The 2005-2006 edition of the Oregon Blue Book is now available and is also online. The Oregon Blue Book is the official state directory about all levels of government in Oregon and much much more. The Oregon Blue Book is produced and regularly updated by the Secretary of State's Archives Division.

In celebration of the centennial of the Lewis and Clark Exposition fair held in Portland in 1905 color inserts of the illustrations of the exhibit, and photos of Governor Vic Aityeh's private collection of memorabilia have been included.

To learn more visit www.bluebook.state.or.us.

ANY CHANGES? PLEASE LET US KNOW

On the reverse side of this newsletter is a **NVRA Site Coordinator Change Form**. If any information regarding your site or site coordinator has changed, complete this form and mail us a copy or fax it to our office.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping us updated! Thank you again.