

# The NVRA Connection

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## 2006 ELECTION DATES

<b>Registration Cutoff Date</b>	<b>Election Date</b>
February 21	March 14, 2006
April 25	May 16, 2006
August 29	September 19, 2006
October 17	November 7, 2006

## 2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2005 Legislative Session adjourned on August 5, 2005, after another long session. Many elections related bills were introduced, and made their way through the legislative process to the Governor's desk to be signed and enacted. Besides our house-keeping bills, the legislature enacted comprehensive campaign finance reform. There were no bills passed that directly affect the interaction between you and your clients with regards to the voter registration process. As always our office produces a synopsis of election bills that have been enacted. The synopsis is posted on our website ([www.sos.state.or.us](http://www.sos.state.or.us)).

### HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA)

Even though the legislature did not alter voter registration laws, changes are coming. As we discussed in previous newsletters, the **Help America Vote Act (HAVA)** is an Act passed by the United States Congress in October 2002. We explained that this office along with county election officials and others are working to implement this legislation. This Act addresses improvements to voting systems and voter access and includes provisions on voter registration and voter education.

In addition to changes in voter registration already implemented, effective January 1, 2006, HAVA requires that people registering to vote must provide either an Oregon DMV Driver's License/ID number or Social Security number to register.

If a person registering to vote has neither an Oregon DMV Driver's License/ID number nor Social Security number and is registering by mail they must provide a copy of one of the following forms of identification:

- Valid photo identification
- A paycheck stub
- A utility bill
- A bank statement
- A government document

Identification is required only if it is a new registration in the county of current residence and the registration is mailed via the United States Postal Service. **Cards that are completed and left with the agency to be submitted to County Election Officials do not have an identification requirement.**

Also, identification is **not required** for updates within the same county or for any new registrations delivered in person or by means other than mail by the registrant via the United States Postal Service.

In order to meet these requirements, a **NEW VOTER REGISTRATION CARD** has been produced and is required for registrations submitted after January 1, 2006. A revised **Agency Voter Registration Form (SEL 503)** will be available and distributed to your parent agencies as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the year. Previous versions of the SEL 503 will not be valid. Once you have received the new card you must recycle all previous versions.

Thank you for your continued support with the National Voter Registration Act and now, with the Help America Vote Act. We welcome any suggestions that may enhance all of our abilities to comply with these Acts.

### 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.

## NVRA SITE COORDINATOR CHANGE FORM

(Complete this form only if there has been any change in your site coordinator name, agency name, address, e-mail address, or telephone number.)

**Agency Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

(If you do not know your Agency number, please call the Secretary of State, Elections Division at 503-986-1518)

**Site Coordinator Name:**

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**Agency Name:**

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remit this change form to:**

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