



## **EAC hires new executive director and general counsel**

The [U.S. Election Assistance Commission](#) (EAC) announced the hiring of a new executive director and general counsel for the agency. Brian D. Newby is the agency's new executive director who served as the election commissioner in Johnson County, Kansas for the last 11 years. In addition, the EAC announced the hiring of Cliff Tatum of Washington, DC as its new general counsel. Tatum spent the last four years at the DC Board of Elections serving as executive director.

The EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. HAVA was passed by the U.S. Congress to make sweeping reforms to the nation's voting process, address improvements to voting systems and voter access that were identified following the 2000 election, and to provide federal funding to states for new voting equipment. HAVA mandates that the EAC test and certify voting equipment, maintain the National Voter Registration form, conduct research, and administer a national clearinghouse on elections that includes shared practices, information for voters and other resources to improve elections. [Read more...](#)