

2005 APPROVED
WORK PLAN, MEETING SCHEDULE AND BUDGET
for the
ELECTION REFORM TASK FORCE

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History

The election reform task force was created by the legislative council for the 2005 interim. During the 2005 legislative session, the legislature addressed a number of election issues and made numerous changes to the Election Code, in SJC/SRC/SB 678, 680, 718 & 735 (Laws 2005, Chapter 270). Due to the complexity and extent of these changes, the election reform task force was created to review the provisions and implementation of the new law, review the Election Code to ensure that any obsolete language that conflicts with federal law was adequately addressed and, if necessary, recommend legislation for the 2006 legislative session to address any implementation problems or other unintended consequences of the new law.

Work Plan

The election reform task force proposes to consider the following issues and topics during the 2005 interim and, if needed, develop appropriate legislation for the 2006 legislative session:

1. the cost of converting all voting machines in the state to provide for a voter verifiable

- paper ballot by December 31, 2006;
2. types of voting systems available that will comply with both HAVA and state law;
 3. new rules for handling provisional ballots;
 4. implementation of voter ID requirements and voter ID cards;
 5. procedures allowing voters to contest decisions to not count their provisional ballots;
 6. new rules for third-party registration organizations and agents and registration forms;
 7. procedures for random checks of voting system accuracy;
 8. timing of open registration and early voting;
 9. same-day voter registration;
 10. voter education and outreach to disenfranchised voters;
 11. up-front costs of recounts;
 12. problems with precinct level reporting of absentee and early vote totals and secrecy of the ballot;
 13. costs of implementing all the changes in law;
 14. types of addresses that are acceptable for registration purposes and petitions;
 15. state compliance with federal consent decrees;
 16. filing dates for minor-party candidates (if time allows); and
 17. other issues arising from review of the new law.

2005 Approved Meeting Schedule and Budget

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Advisory Members</u>
July 6	Santa Fe	\$4,452.44	2,954.12
August 15	Santa Fe	4,452.44	2,954.12
September 8-9	Gallup, Laguna	6,336.01	5,000.16
October 10-11	Santa Fe	6,488.44	4,782.12
November 10-11	Santa Fe	6,488.44	4,782.12
	Subtotal	\$28,217.77	\$20,472.64
		Total	\$48,690.41