

JOINT ELECTION OFFICIALS LIAISON COMMITTEE

the confederation of American organizations representing elections officials and voter registrars at all levels of government

11-7-08 TO: JEOLC Attendees (Past, Present & Future) FROM: Doug Lewis
RE: Hotel Accommodations -- **ACTION REQUIRED NOW** **Hotel deadline: 12-22-08**

We have booked rooms for the nights of January 8-10, 2009 at the Fairfax on Embassy Row, 2100 Massachusetts Ave, N.W., Washington, DC, for the next meeting of those elections and registration administrators who wish to be involved on a national level for Congressional liaison and activity with the Federal agencies affecting voter registration and elections at the local level. January 7 (Wednesday) is a travel day with the meeting beginning at 9 a.m.. Thursday, January 8 and continuing through 5 p.m. Friday, January 9. As we have done in the past, if necessary, we will continue the meetings on Saturday, January 10.

The discussion this year will be about both voter registration and elections administration. Early indications of items Congress may consider are federal voter registration and government responsibility for VR; federal requirement for Election Day Registration; federal requirements on how to administer voter information mismatches in VR; uniform definition of how provisional ballots are to be administered; federal requirements on ballot design and layout; federal requirements on post election audits; potential legislation for restrictions on challenging eligibility of voters; and the continued push to eliminate or restrict use of DREs; potential requirements to make absentee mail balloting to any voter; and a whole host of other ideas.

Any election official, from city, county, or state level, who is a member of any of the following organizations is welcome to register (use of name here does not constitute endorsement by the organizations listed): NASS, NASED, IACREOT, NACRC, IIMC, NCSL, NACo, or The Election Center. Attendance at the meeting is restricted to members of those organizations.

JEOLC is an intensive work session. It has led to better understanding of elections/registration matters for Congressional staffers and for Congressmen and Senators. The results of the efforts of the Joint Election Officials Liaison Committee have been significantly felt for the past 13 years on legislation.

Come to Washington to talk directly with Congressional staff about the new legislation. Additionally, we invite the Federal Voting Assistance Program, the EAC Commissioners and staff, the U.S. Justice Department and the US Postal Service to present. You quickly see what is being emphasized at the Federal level.

We have a limited number of rooms available per our contract at \$179/night plus tax. You must mention The Election Center to get the special rate. We have planned the meeting so that you can get cheaper airfares by staying over on Saturday night. **We only arranged for a limited number of rooms to be held for our attendees and when they are gone, they are gone.** So do NOT delay...make your reservations today by calling the hotel at 202-293-2100. You must have your reservations made no later than Dec. 22...and even by then it may be too late to obtain a room at this price if our block fills within the next few days. The meeting cost per participant is \$299 and we must have your PAID reservations **in California no later than Dec. 19, 2008.** Send to The Election Center Conference Office, POB 965, Elk Grove, CA 95624. This fee is NON REFUNDABLE for any reason. The hotel has to be paid for meeting rooms and refreshment guarantees no matter who shows up. Make checks payable to Election Center-JEOLC for \$299 per participant. ANY application received after Dec 19 must pay \$399 per participant.

Please make a separate form for EACH participant.

___ Yes I plan to attend the JEOLC legislative meeting in Washington on Jan. 8-9, 2009. Enclosed is my check for \$299. Fees are nonrefundable. We must have **your PAID reservation no later than December 19.** \$100 per participant higher after Dec. 19. The Election Center's Tax Information Number is 54-1578880, a nonprofit tax-exempt organization. For security purposes, you must have an EC badge to enter the meeting room, preparation for which can slow on site registrations.

Name: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Copy this form and give to others in your state association or national organization. Attendance restricted.

Preliminary Agenda

JEOLC Meeting

January 8 & 9, 2009

Fairfax on Embassy Row, 2100 Massachusetts Ave., NW Washington, D.C.

Potential Amendments to the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and additional legislation

Meetings begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 5 pm both on Thursday and Friday.

Congressional Staff of both the Senate Rules Committee and House Administration are invited

I. Voter Registration Issues

Third Party Voter Registration Groups

Duplicate Registrations & Ineligible Registrations

Should Government Take Over VR?

Problems with VR & statewide VR databases

Discovered Problems

Mismatches of DMV Number or Social Security Number

Statewide Voter Registration Database

Continuing Issues and Interpretations

Matching other state databases including DMV and social services

Registration of Military and Overseas voters

Longer registration: issues and concerns

Changes on dates allowed to register

Election Day Registration – The push for change

II. Election Administration Issues

VR and elections administration – state and local issues and concerns

The push to have VR become a federal process

Voter ID – When is it appropriate? When does it discourage the voter? Administrative Issues.

Voting Accessibility

Voting for blind and disabled, what was successful and what was lacking

Making polling places accessible

Voting Equipment: Did elections serve the disabled?

Telephone Voting

Felons – Coming Legislation on Rights of Felons?

Military and Overseas Issues

Acceptance of Applications including electronic formats

Distribution of ballots; continuing issues

Provisional Voting

Continuing Issues: Overuse? Time for checking to verify – states with too little time to qualify the ballots

How and when to count Provisional Votes: old precinct, new precinct, count countywide or statewide?

Election Day Registration – How it affects election administration

Early Voting – Will all states be mandated to have early voting?

Voting Systems - Ballot Design & Layout

Will legislation pass on ballot layout & design standards?

Management Practices Guidelines – Development and Implementation

Voter Verified Paper – Is national law eminent? Can DREs survive?

Language Minority Issues and Problems – Translators and Instructions

Voter Education Issues – Reading and literacy problems

III. Other issues

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