

NGOs + Undue Influence

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Influencing Our Elections

NATIONAL ELECTION STRUCTURES and NGOs

National Association of State Election Directors (NASED)

Founded in 1989 - formed by "The Election Center" National Association of Election Directors (NGO)

Non-Partisan U.S. organization that disseminates election administration best practices and information across the states.

American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (ASCLS)

Founded in 19843

The American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (ASCLS) was allegedly founded to improve legislative administration and communication between clerks and secretaries throughout the U.S. and its territories. Similar to the NASS, the difference being that, when your chief election official is not the secretary of state, this is the NGO that they are likely an active member of.

National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS)

Founded in 1904 - NGO

Non-Partisan U.S. organization that serves as a medium for the exchange of information between the states and fosters cooperation in the development of public policy.

Resolutions from NASS:

[USPS Voter Registration](#)

This resolution makes multiple misleading statements related to a voter's ability to vote in elections in the area they relocate into IMMEDIATELY upon relocation, when most states have regulations requiring a new registration to be in the system for a minimum of 30 days prior to an election cycle.

This resolution highlights the need to expedite voter registrations using the USPS Change of Address forms, over states the initiatives by Secretaries of State to maintain clean voter files, while neglecting to outline the need for removal of registrations from states a voter relocates FROM. The focus of this effort seems to be to expand the registered voter files and has zero focus on cleaning outdated files.

[Earlier Party Nominating Convention Dates](#)

This resolution asked Secretaries of State to push the initiative with their respective State Party Leaders to set different dates for their Party's nominating conventions to accommodate deadlines set by state laws. The main item to note in this resolution is the utilization of SOS influence to affect the practices of independent parties. This may be less nefarious than other measures, but the vast and wide reaching influence this organization has is depicted here with clarity.

[Avoidance of EAC Suggestions](#)

This resolution highlights this organization's demands that Secretaries of State are the middle-men between counties and their application for federal funds to assist in updating their voting systems according to HAVA guidelines. The NASS demands that the SOS is not interfered with by the EAC for any reason in the disbursement of funds for counties who have applied for them. The NASS does not want their member Secretaries of State subject to any EAC guidelines, but insists that the SOS have total purview over the use of funds to upgrade voting systems so as to enact the agenda they deem appropriate. The EAC issues VVSG (Volunteer Voting System Guidelines) which outline the standards required to meet HAVA mandates. This is what the NASS and its SOS members have demanded to be exempt from. This seems to be a smoke screen designed to read as state's rights, but which seems to, in actuality, prevent the SOS from being held liable for processes which do not meet HAVA and EAC standards for best practices.

[A Game of Semantics: Covering The Demand to Prevent EAC Audits of the Use of Federal Funds](#)

This Resolution appears to be the push to clarify the two similarly used terms of "Grant" and "Payment" as used in records kept by the EAC for approval of HAVA funds. The issue

NGOs INFILTRATING THE STATES

NGOs can blend in with Governmental agencies by soliciting membership from State and National governments.

Keep an eye out for State Associations of any seats that have purview over State Elections. That is where the policies from the NGOs are getting into our state policies.

seems to be a cover designed simply to pass one other provision in this resolution, which would be subject to scrutiny, potentially triggering a national debate if presented on its own:

“WHEREAS, in conducting audits of grants and payments, the EAC has no rule-making authority, and therefore, in performing its functions must act in accordance with the express statutory provisions of HAVA (See HAVA Section 209);”

Despite HAVA mandating that the EAC develop the [VVSG](#) to determine whether Voting Systems adopted by states and counties meet required standards, the NASS does not believe that the EAC has any rule-making authority in an audit of a state's voting systems.

[Impartiality of Election Administration](#)

This resolution reviews the claims that the NASS member Secretaries of State strive to avoid partisan efforts, campaign roles, and to maintain impartiality in their roles as the Chief Election Officer in their respective states.

Katie Hobbs seems to have disregarded this particular resolution to campaign for her desired role as the Governor of Arizona while still holding the title of Secretary of State of Arizona. Katie Hobbs is a sitting member of the NASS. [\[Link\]](#)

[Expanding Rights to Overseas Citizens to Vote in Party Primaries](#)

This resolution seeks to allow Military and Overseas Citizens to participate in Party Primary elections as well as general elections. Military voters should not be lumped in with overseas citizens, as Military voters are serving our country with their lives, while overseas citizens may have no intention of moving back to America despite retaining their citizenship, just in case things do not work out and they wish to return. Federal Law allows for overseas citizens to still vote in the general election, even if they have zero desire, plans or timeline for returning to the US. Allowing citizens who have chosen to live elsewhere to participate in our country's party primaries is a step further than the generous allowances already afforded to citizens who have chosen another country to work, live, shop, and pay taxes in after leaving our nation. This seems like a ruse to further manipulate primaries to affect the nomination process.

[Push to Expand a Uniform Agenda of NASS Design to Every NGO and Every State](#)

This resolution seems to establish the desire for NASS concepts to be made uniform throughout the US, subject to change by the NASS as pushed through the EAC where possible, resulting in VVSG guidelines that will likely only be adhered to if they match NASS resolutions or demands. It also outlines the organizations who NASS is already willing to work with to achieve their ends, ends which they claim should not be subject to audit by the EAC for adherence to VVSG. The NASS appears to expect congress or the EAC to mold VVSGs to the will of the NASS, and only then will the VVSG be adhered to.

[Push to Expand UOCAVA Procedures to Cover Emergency Responders](#)

This resolution wishes to automatically add “Emergency Responders” to the description of “Uniformed/ Overseas Citizens” to allow them to absentee vote without question. This seems to be part of the agenda to push for wider scopes of use for absentee voting procedures as opposed to in-person voting.

National Association of Counties (NACo)

Founded in 1904 - NGO

Non-Partisan U.S. organization that serves as a medium for the exchange of information between the states and fosters cooperation in the development of public policy.

Administrative Codes and Registers (ACR)

Founded in 1978 - NGO

A branch of the NASS, the goal of this group is to disseminate facts, information and ideas that relate to the development, quality, publication and knowledge of administrative codes and Law.

The Center for Election Science

Founded in 2011 - NGO

A National, Non-Partisan, Non-Profit focused on pushing “Approval Voting” methods.

The Election Center aka National Association of Election Officials

No Founding Date Located - Katy, TX - NGO

A Non-Partisan, Non-Profit organization composed mostly of members who are actively employed in the U.S. government, with an emphasis on shaping election procedures.

Fair Elections Center

Founded in 2017 - Washington, DC - NGO

Non-Partisan, Non-Profit organization focused on voting rights and election reform for marginalized communities.

American Society for Public Administration

Founded in 1939 - NGO

Society for advocating greater effectiveness in government, purveyors of progressive theory and practice and providers of global citizenship.

Center for Tech and Civic Life

Founded in 2012 - NGO

Team of civic technologists, election administration and data experts working to foster a more informed and engaged democracy/ modernize U.S. Elections.