

SUMMARY OF PROMISING PRACTICES, RESOURCES, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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California	<p>The California Secretary of State:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. provides the <i>Official Voter Information Guide</i> in large-print, audiocassette, and downloadable formats in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Japanese, and Korean (see resource #1 below); 2. created the Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee in 2005 to provide recommendations regarding the implementation of federal and state laws relating to access to the electoral process by voters with disabilities, so that all persons can vote independently and privately. The committee is comprised of ten members representing independent living centers, disability rights organizations, and county elections offices, and continues to meet regularly to address various issues including access to the polling place, independent and confidential operation of voting systems, and voter education for individuals with disabilities; 3. includes participants with cognitive disabilities in accessibility and usability testing sessions of voting system. This testing protocol is now part of California’s approval process for new voting systems (see resource #2 below); and 4. supported legislation (Assembly Bill No. 18, Ch. 485, Stat. of 2007) that was enacted to enable voters with disabilities who are unable to write their names with the option of using a signature stamp to affix their signatures to elections related documents, such as petitions, voter registration cards, and vote-by-mail ballot envelopes. Previously, California law only allowed the voter to sign with a mark witnessed by another person. Use of the signature stamp has improved access to voting and elections processes by providing a much-needed alternative for any person who is unable to write by reason of a disability, which may include a medical condition, mental disability, or physical disability if the condition or disability renders the person unable to write. <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. California Secretary of State, <i>California Statewide Special Election, May 19, 2009, Official Voter Information Guide</i>, March 18, 2009, available online at http://tinyurl.com/55mjgz. 2. Noel Runyan and Jim Tobias, <i>Accessibility Review Report for California Top-to-Bottom Voting Systems Review</i>, July 26, 2007, available online at http://tinyurl.com/q3fkd3.
District of Columbia	<p>The District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics (BOEE):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. introduced a new outreach program specifically for individuals residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and veteran health facilities during the 2008 election cycle. If a resident was unable to go to the polls and preferred to vote by absentee ballot, election officials made arrangements to deliver absentee ballots at their nursing home, assisted living facility, or veteran health facility. Election officials also arranged for several visits to the nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and veteran health facilities to facilitate voter registration and to deliver absentee ballots to the residents. Assistance was also provided in completing the forms and voting the absentee ballot if need and requested; 2. partnered with Westcon International LTD, to help support and promote voting by persons with cognitive and other brain

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	<p>impairments. The BOEE conducted several outreaches and supplied valuable information about voting rights, how to vote, and where to vote. Westcon International handled the oversight of registration, accommodations, and assistance to the voters with cognitive and other brain impairments; and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> uses the video, <i>Pollworker Training Videos, Module: Working with Voters Who Have Disabilities</i>, to train pollworkers (see resource #1 below). <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> District of Columbia, Board of Elections and Ethics (BOEE), <i>Pollworker Training Videos, Module: Working with Voters who Have Disabilities</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/p88erz. <p>For more information, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kathy A. Fairley, Registrar of Voters, Board of Elections and Ethics at (202) 727-2524.
Hawaii	<p>The Hawaii Office of Elections' Voter Services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> provided voter registration and absentee ballot application forms at various community events throughout the state; demonstrated use of Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting system used in the 2008 elections; demonstrated use of auxiliary aids available in the polling place on election days (i.e., magnifiers, pen grips, signature guide, and communication cards for the deaf and hard of hearing); partnered with various community groups by providing voting equipment and information that allowed them to encourage and promote voting to their clientele; sent letters and made phone calls to nursing homes, retirement homes, assisted living facilities, and senior citizen centers offering voter education presentations and voter information materials; and publishes a factsheet for voters who require special assistance, including voters with disabilities (see resource #1 below). <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> State of Hawaii, Office of Elections, <i>Factsheet Voters Requiring Special Assistance</i>, March 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/qgze8z.
Idaho	<p>The Idaho Office of the Secretary of State:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> provided federal grants to the state Developmental Disabilities Council for voter education, called <i>Determined to Vote</i>, for people with disabilities in independent living centers, high schools and state hospitals (see resource #1 below). <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ben Ysursa, Idaho Secretary of State, Idaho Votes, <i>Determined to Vote</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/qauj5m. <p>For more information, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Marilyn Sword, Director, Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities at (208) 334-2178. Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities at http://www.state.id.us/icdd/.

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Iowa	<p>The Iowa Secretary of State:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. produced an precinct election official guide to absentee and special voters' precincts for purposes of providing for the delivery of absentee ballots to residents and patients in health care facilities and nursing homes, and to count all absentee and provisional ballots for all elections (see resource #1 below). <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Office of Iowa Secretary of State Michael Mauro, <i>Precinct Official Guide: Absentee and Special Voters' Precinct</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/rxacrw.
Louisiana	<p>The Louisiana Secretary of State:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. developed a brochure, <i>Voting Rights for the Elderly and Individuals with Disabilities</i>, to guide eligible voters who wish to participate in the program, for the election officials implementing the program, and for any other individual who may have an interest in the law (see resource #7 below). <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Acknowledgment Form Special Program for Physically Handicapped Voters</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/lc9rlq. 2. <i>Authorization</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/n2crb9. 3. <i>Physician's Certificate Special Program for Physically Handicapped Voters</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/my7r3o. 4. <i>Request to Be Placed in the Special Handicapped Program</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/merecr. 5. <i>Witness Form Special Program for Physically Handicapped Voters</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/nhp4lq. 6. Jay Dardenne, Secretary of State, State of Louisiana, <i>Disabled & Elderly Citizens</i>, 2009, available online at http://tinyurl.com/lad8o8. 7. Jay Dardenne, Secretary of State, State of Louisiana, <i>Voting Rights for the Elderly And Individuals With Disabilities</i>, July 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/n3m7hc.
Maine	<p>The Maine Department of the Secretary of State Division of Elections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. works with the Disability Rights Center, Maine's Protection and Advocacy Agency, to conduct outreach with disability groups each year; 2. attends the annual meeting of Speaking Up for Us (SUFU), which is a self-advocacy group of persons with cognitive impairments, as well as other disability advocacy organizations; 3. provides instructions and demonstrations of the accessible voting system that is used at each voting place in Maine; 4. implemented an additional accessibility feature in 2008 for the Inspire Vote-by-Phone accessible voting system, which presents the audio ballot in a simplified, linear presentation (reading) of the offices and candidates, and allows the voter to press a large button switch to select the choices (see resource #1 and #2 below); 5. developed a large-print voter registration application and provided these and instructions to the disability advocacy agencies to facilitate voter registration;

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. sought help from disability advocacy groups and some adult literacy experts to review and assist with simplifying our audio ballot instructions; 7. conducts absentee voting as required by law at all nursing homes, residential care facilities and assisted living facilities at least once before each election; and 8. designed a pilot program for early voting in 2005, and since then has studied early voting to determine how best to adopt it for statewide elections (see resource #3 below). <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State of Maine, Department of Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions, <i>Accessible Voting Solution (AVS)</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/pnk4uu. 2. State of Maine, Department of Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions, <i>Inspire Vote-By-Phone Preview & Practice</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/psm7uk. 3. State of Maine, Department of Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions, <i>Early Voting in Maine</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/oswav7.
Maryland	<p>The Maryland State Board of Elections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. includes information in statewide pollworkers' manual and training curricula about voters with disabilities, including a specific section on voters with cognitive disabilities (see resources #1-3 below); 2. provides statewide procedures for registering voters and providing absentee ballots for individuals residing at nursing homes and assisted living facilities; 3. participates in annual youth leadership conference for young adults with various disabilities and offers voter registration opportunities and demonstration of accessibility features of voting system (see resources #4 -7 below); and 4. offers sensitivity training to local boards of elections on assisting and accommodating individuals with disabilities, including those with cognitive impairments. <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Linda H. Lamone, Administrator, Maryland State Board of Elections, <i>Absentee Ballot and Voter Registration Procedures for Licensed Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities</i>, April 2004, available online at http://tinyurl.com/kqwt7. 2. Maryland State Board of Elections, <i>Licensed Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities: Absentee Ballot & Voter Registration Procedures</i>, June 2006, available online at http://tinyurl.com/lpwa6l. 3. Maryland State Board of Elections, <i>Licensed Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities: Absentee Ballot & Voter Registration Procedures</i>, November 2007, available online at http://tinyurl.com/l64kjd. 4. State of Maryland, <i>2006 Judges Manual, Chapter 5, Sample Letters and Memos</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/nzmue8. 5. State of Maryland, <i>Absentee Ballot Accounting Form</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/njmom5. 6. State of Maryland, <i>Absentee Ballot Log</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/mgloam. 7. State of Maryland, <i>Nursing Home & Assisted Living Facility Worksheet</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/lx2uty.

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Michigan	<p>The Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. publishes a handout on interacting with an individual with a disability, including individuals with cognitive/developmental disabilities. <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service, Inc., <i>Provider Service to Voters with Disabilities</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/nsurly.
Minnesota	<p>The Minnesota Secretary of State:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. developed a flyer, <i>Know Your Voting Rights</i>, to educate citizens about voters who (a) have brain injuries, (b) are experiencing severe memory loss, (c) are developmentally disabled, and (d) have some other cognitive impairment (see resource #1 below); 2. publishes a “FAQ” about residential facility employee vouching, a process by which a voter can prove their residence in a precinct for the purposes of registering to vote on Election Day. Vouching entails having the employee of the residential facility sign a legal oath that they personally know that the resident resides in the precinct (see resource #2 below); and 3. in collaboration with the Minnesota Disability Law Center, produced a video encouraging voters with disabilities to vote (see resource #3 below). <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Office of Minnesota Secretary of State, Elections Center, <i>Know Your Voting Rights</i>, 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/m3ku8y. 2. State of Minnesota, Office of Minnesota Secretary of State, <i>Frequently Asked Questions About Residential Facility Employee Vouching</i>, 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/ntdblj. 3. Minnesota Disability Law Center and the Office of the Secretary of State, <i>Go Vote!</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/nkexde. 4. University of Minnesota, Institute on Community Integration, <i>My Voice, My Vote</i>, 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/lbcgwo.
Missouri	<p>The Office of the Missouri Secretary of State:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. developed an informational pamphlet in 2008 that describes the voting options available for disabled voters, including those persons with cognitive and other brain impairments. Over 342,000 of these pamphlets were distributed statewide to disability advocacy groups and mailed to voters (see resource #1 below); 2. abides by Section 115.287.2, Revised Statutes of Missouri, which provides that [i]f, after 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before an election, any voter from the jurisdiction has become hospitalized, becomes confined due to illness or injury, or is confined in an adult boarding facility, intermediate care facility, residential care facility,* or skilled nursing facility, as defined in section 198.006, RSMo, in the county in which the jurisdiction is located or in the jurisdiction or an adjacent election authority within the same county, the election authority shall appoint a team to deliver, witness the signing of, and return

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	<p>the voter's application and deliver, witness the voting of, and return the voter's absentee ballot. In counties with a charter form of government and in cities not within a county, and in each city which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, and is situated in more than one county, if the election authority receives ten or more applications for absentee ballots from the same address it may appoint a team to deliver and witness the voting and return of absentee ballots by voters residing at that address, except when such addresses are for an apartment building or other structure wherein individual living units are located, each of which has its own separate cooking facilities. Each team appointed pursuant to this subsection shall consist of two registered voters, one from each major political party. Both members of any team appointed pursuant to this subsection shall be present during the delivery, signing or voting, and return of any application or absentee ballot signed or voted pursuant to this subsection.</p> <p>and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. supports the many local election authorities who send bi-partisan absentee teams to nursing homes and assisted living centers. These local election authorities work with the nursing home and assisted living center administrators to schedule a date and time, promote the permanently disabled list, and offer it to voters in the facilities. <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robin Carnahan, Secretary of State, <i>Your Vote, Your Voice</i>, 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/lgb8ed. <p>For more information, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Laura Egerdal, Communications Director, Office of the Secretary of State at (573) 526-0949.
Nevada	<p>The Nevada Secretary of State's office:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. provided funding for outreach activities to a private, nonprofit organization and serves as Nevada's federally-mandated protection and advocacy system for the human, legal, and service rights of individuals with disabilities, the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC). Together the Secretary of State and the NDALC promote voting of individuals with all disabilities, including cognitive and other brain impairments, by conducting voter outreach meetings to increase voter registration and education; 2. provided funding and partnered with public radio stations, KNPR and KUNR, to provide radio messages during the election season to (a) publicize polling locations and voting machines are ADA compliant and that polling locations will make accommodations for age and/or disability, and (b) encourage voters who cannot make it to the polls to vote by absentee ballots; 3. created a program called Protection and Advocacy for Voter Access (PAVA), which serves all individuals with disabilities. PAVA service priorities include: (a) voter registration assistance and education to individuals with disabilities and development, and (b) dissemination of information regarding the opportunity to register to vote, legal voting rights, and polling place accessibility (see resource #1 below); 4. promotes the Nevada law that allows extended time for voters to request an absent ballot because of an illness or disability resulting in confinement in a hospital, sanatorium, dwelling or nursing home; or because they are suddenly hospitalized,

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	<p>become seriously ill or are called away from home after the time has elapsed for requesting an absent ballot; and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> promotes the Nevada law that establishes a polling place for a precinct in any residential development exclusively for elderly persons if: (a) more than 100 of the residents of the development are registered to vote; (b) there is a common area which is adequate and available; and (c) the owner of the development consents to the establishment of the polling place on his property. <p>Clark County:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> maintains a voters with disabilities Web page, http://tinyurl.com/r549tu. The Web page lists all the local services, as well as state laws, that a voter with a disability may take advantage of to vote independently (see resource #2 below). <p>White Pine County:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> makes trips to nursing or assisted living homes to deliver absentee ballots when requested. <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center, Nevada’s Protection & Advocacy System for Individuals with Disabilities, <i>Protection & Advocacy for Voting Access (PAVA) Informational Packet</i>, April 2007, available online at http://tinyurl.com/mqyuzz. Election Department - Clark County, Nevada, <i>Voters With Disabilities</i>, April 20, 2009, available online at http://tinyurl.com/r549tu. <p>For more information, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jack Mayes, Executive Director, Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC) at (702) 257-8150. Dan Burk, Registrar of Voters, Washoe County at (775) 328-3670. Larry Lomax, Registrar of Voters, Clark County at (775) 455-8683.
New Hampshire	<p>The New Hampshire Department of State:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> conducts training for poll workers on disability access (see resource #1 below). <p>The Secretary of State:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> produced a brochure for voters who need assistance marking a ballot (see resource #2 below). <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> New Hampshire Department of State, <i>New Hampshire Poll Worker Training Disability Access</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/m84wfh. William M. Gardner, New Hampshire Secretary of State, <i>If a Voter Needs Assistance Marking A Ballot</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/lzfzpj.

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North Dakota	<p>The North Dakota Secretary of State’s office:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> works cooperatively with the North Dakota Association of Counties and the North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Project to promote voting for persons with a full range of disabilities, including those with cognitive impairments. The three entities have together produced two videos designed for persons with disabilities—one instructing poll workers on providing assistance and one for voters to understand their rights regardless of their disability (see resources #1-4 below); and provided HAVA educational grant funding to the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities for the specific purpose of developing materials, conducting outreach, and providing education to persons with cognitive disabilities across the state. <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary of State North Dakota, <i>A New Experience for the Experienced Voter, Large Captioned</i> (30Mb), n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/mg2uc2. Secretary of State North Dakota, <i>A New Experience for the Experienced Voter, Large Non-Captioned</i> (30Mb), n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/lpaow4. Secretary of State North Dakota, <i>The Right to Vote: Accessible Options for All, Large Captioned</i> (37Mb), n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/lhy373. Secretary of State North Dakota, <i>The Right to Vote: Accessible Options for All, Large Non-Captioned</i> (37Mb), n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/l23nkf. <p>For more information, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Danette Odenbach, Program Manager - Election Reform, North Dakota Association of Counties at danette.odenbach@ndaco.org, or (701) 328-7318.
Oregon	<p>The Oregon Secretary of State:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> publishes a statewide voters pamphlet with information for voters with disabilities, including how to request assistance from a voting assistance team (see resources #1 and #2 below); distributes a brochure about how to assist voters with disabilities (see resource #4 below); publishes a one-page flyer on voter rights, including the right to vote even if you have a guardian and even if you need help reading or filling out the ballot (see resource #3 below); drafted a summary of recommendations for a voter assistance program, including baseline, minimum, and maximum efforts (see resource #5 below); and wrote an information paper on the alternate format ballot and its benefits (see resource #6 below). <p>Multnomah County:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> uses voter assistance teams to ensure voting is secure, convenient, fast, independent, private and assessable to all voters (see resources #7-12 below). <p>Washington County:</p>

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	<p>1. distributes a pamphlet on the voter assistance program. The goal of the program is to support the rights of voters with disabilities by providing alternative methods of voting that ensures privacy, independence, and the right to vote a secret ballot (see resource #13 below).</p> <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. League of Women Voters of Oregon, <i>Official 2008 March Primary Voters, Pamphlet, Voters with Disabilities</i>, pgs. 2-3, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/nzbhpl. 2. Mary Pitman Kitch, <i>Democracy Makes House Calls</i>, <i>The Oregonian</i>, November 2, 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/62s7ae. 3. Oregon Secretary of State, Elections Division, <i>Oregon Voter Bill of Rights</i>, March 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/og2wq8. 4. Oregon Secretary of State, Elections Division, <i>Vote! Oregon: How to Assist Voters with Disabilities</i>, March 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/qlljzp. 5. N.A., <i>Draft: Voting Assistance Program–Summary of Recommendations</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/lpc8mr. 6. N.A., <i>Information Paper on AFB (Alternate Format Ballot)</i>, January 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/n2po27. 7. Mary Shultz, Assistant Director of Elections, Multnomah County, <i>Multnomah County Voter Assistance Team (VAT) Abbreviated Report on the November 7, 2006, General Election: Voting Assistance Phase October 11, 2006, through November 7, 2006</i>, February 28, 2007, available online at http://tinyurl.com/na8rfx. 8. Mary Shultz, Assistant Director of Elections, Multnomah County, <i>Multnomah County Voter Assistance Team (VAT) Abbreviated Report on the November 7, 2006, General Election: Registration Assistance Phase June 1, 2006, though October 10, 2006</i>, February 28, 2007, available online at http://tinyurl.com/nayho8. 9. Mary Shultz, Assistant Director of Elections, Multnomah County, <i>Multnomah County Voter Assistance Team (VAT) Abbreviated Report on the November 7, 2006, General Election</i>, July 12, 2005, available online at http://tinyurl.com/klkzx4. 10. Mary Shultz, Assistant Director of Elections, Multnomah County, <i>Multnomah County Voter Assistance Team (VAT) Abbreviated Report on the November 7, 2006, General Election: Voting Assistance Phase October 11, 2006, through November 7, 2006 (Reflects Removal of “No-Sig” Phone Calls)</i>, June 1, 2007, available online at http://tinyurl.com/nrpugq. 11. Mary Shultz, Assistant Director of Elections, Multnomah County, <i>Multnomah County Voter Assistance Team (VAT) May 15, 2007, Special Election April 16 through May 15, 2007</i>, June 3, 2007, available online at http://tinyurl.com/lzw5sb. 12. Mary Shultz, Assistant Director of Elections, Multnomah County, <i>Multnomah County Voter Assistance Team (VAT) November 6, 2007, Special Election October 8, 2007, through November 30, 2007</i>, December 21, 2007, available online at http://tinyurl.com/mccstc. 13. Washington County Elections, <i>Voter Assistance Program Pamphlet</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/mt8hrc.
Pennsylvania	<p>The Pennsylvania Department of State, Division of HAVA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. produced a video to teach poll workers how to assist voters with disabilities. The video was distributed to every election director in all sixty-seven (67) counties in Pennsylvania and uploaded to the Department of State’s Web site, http://tinyurl.com/ydc36r2 (see resource #1 below).

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	<p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pennsylvania Department of State, Division of Help America Vote Act (HAVA), <i>Training to Assist Voters with Disabilities</i>, October 3, 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/p6akrg. <p>For more information, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Molly O’Leary, Chief of Voter Registration, Pennsylvania Department of State at (717) 772-4445. 2. Lindsey Hock, HAVA Accessibility Coordinator, Pennsylvania Department of State at (717) 787-5280, or lhock@state.pa.us.
South Carolina	<p>The South Carolina Election Commission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. trains poll managers how to provide assistance to voters with disabilities (see resources #1, #2 and #4 below); 2. produced three training videos: (a) <i>Poll Manager Voting Machine Overview</i>, (b) <i>Polling Place Accessibility</i>, and <i>Voting Process for People Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing</i> (see resource #3 below); and 3. maintains a Web page for voters with disabilities, including a link to a large print voter registration application (see resource #5 below). <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. South Carolina Election Commission, <i>Poll Managers Handbook for Conduct of Elections</i>, March 2009, available online at http://tinyurl.com/lpwwjb. 2. South Carolina State Election Commission, <i>South Carolina Poll Manager's Handbook</i>, March 2009, available online at http://tinyurl.com/qtokj2. 3. South Carolina State Election Commission, <i>Poll Worker Training Videos</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/qufpvp. 4. South Carolina State Election Commission, <i>South Carolina Poll Manager Information Page</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/q6sl25. 5. South Carolina State Election Commission, <i>Voters with Disabilities</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/qp72ry.
Texas	<p>The Texas Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. drafted a report comparing the voter participation in long-term care facilities in the 2004 and 2008 presidential elections (see resource #1); 2. publishes a guide with suggestions for facilities to help their residents vote (see resource #2 below); and 3. publishes a voter’s guide for Harris County residents on long-term care facilities and their families (see resource #3). <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carolyn Mounce, <i>Comparison of Voter Participation in Long Term Care Facilities in the 2004 and 2008 Presidential Elections</i>, February 20, 2009, available online at http://tinyurl.com/lw6ms6. 2. Carolyn Mounce, <i>Suggestions for facilities to help their residents VOTE!</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/nn95g7. 3. Ombuddies.org, <i>You Can Still VOTE! A Voter’s Guide for Harris County Residents of Long-term Care Facilities and Their Families</i>, 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/m27wos.

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Vermont	<p>The Vermont Secretary of State:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> joined with the University of Pennsylvania and the American Bar Association during the 2008 general election to develop a pilot program where trained election workers brought ballots to residential care facilities prior to the election to permit eligible residents to register and vote. Residents who were unable to vote independently were offered assistance from bipartisan pairs of election workers who had been trained to work with elderly voters, and in particular, voters who have cognitive impairment (see resources #1 - #4 below). <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Anya Huneke, <i>Vermont Launches Mobile Polling Program</i>, NECN, October 23, 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/5uc7ev. Deborah Markowitz, The Office of the Vermont Secretary of State, <i>Mobile Polling Project</i>, 2008, available online at http://tinyurl.com/n6bgrw. Deborah Markowitz, <i>Secretary of State Releases Results of Mobile Polling Study: Vermont Pilot Project to Expand Voter Accessibility for Elderly</i>, June 4, 2009, available online at http://tinyurl.com/l3ym4w. Jason Karlawish, Deborah Markowitz and Charlie Sabatino, <i>Bringing Voting to Long term Care Facilities: Assessing the Benefits of Mobile Polling</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/n72766. <p>For more information, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Deborah L. Markowitz, Secretary of State at (802) 828-2363.
Washington	<p>The Washington Secretary of State:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> provides voter registration forms to other state agencies that assist members of the disability community, including the Area Agency on Aging, Department of Social and Health Services, Department for Developmentally Disabled; publishes a brochure of frequently asked questions of voter's with disabilities on accessible voting (see resource #1 below); provides training and information to county election officials on how to make elections more accessible; works closely with disability advocacy groups, members of the disability community and county elections officials to ensure that each county in Washington State has developed a disability advisory board that will develop a plan to make elections more accessible in their county; ensures every county in the state has at least one accessible voting unit (AVU) available for voting starting twenty days before and up to the day of the election. Outreach efforts include contacting disability advocacy groups, local agencies, and members of the disability community to let them know that the AVU's are available. Notice of the AVU's availability is also posted in local newspapers; opened a HAVA grant program to counties specifically for individuals with disabilities. Counties can request funding for education and outreach activities; and granted over \$8 million in HAVA funds to counties to purchase accessible voting units that make voting independently a reality for individuals with cognitive and other brain impairments.

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	<p>The Kitsap County Elections Office:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. purchased a van to transport its accessible voting unit to care facilities and other locations to reach voters who may have difficulty getting to a voting center (see resource #1 below). <p>The Cowlitz County Elections Office:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. contacts every long-term care facility to arrange for the transportation of an accessible voting unit to the facility. <p>Resources include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Kitsap County, Washington, <i>Kitsap County Voter Access Plan</i>, 2007, available online at http://tinyurl.com/nt9ahr. 3. Sam Reed, Washington Secretary of State, <i>May I vote?</i>, n.d., available online at http://tinyurl.com/or2eky. <p>For more information, contact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nick Handy, Elections Director, Washington Secretary of State at (360) 902-4180 or nhandy@secstate.wa.gov. 2. Kay Ramsay, Elections Program Specialist, Washington Secretary of State at (360) 725-5785 or kramsay@secstate.wa.gov. 3. David Lord, Director, Disability Rights Washington at (206) 324-1521 or info@dr-wa.org. 4. Dolores Gilmore, Elections Supervisor, Kitsap County at (360) 377-7128 or dgilmore@co.kitsap.wa.us. 5. Sharon Weinholt, Outreach Coordinator, Cowlitz County at (360) 577-3005 or weinholds@co.cowlitz.wa.us.

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