Mission

The Standing Committee on Election Law and its Advisory Commission comprise a unique entity in that it has been structured as a clearly bi-partisan body. Members are not only appointed based on their election law experience, but careful attention is paid to ensure that the Committee does not become unbalanced in terms of political ideology. The work of the Standing Committee centers on all aspects of the electoral process, thus, as advances in technology and changes in the electorate occur, the Committee remains committed to providing the Association with the most current programming and policy recommendations. The Standing Committee has a long and continuing history of direct service to the public as well as to members of the Association.

Dialogues on Election Reform: A Continuing Conversation with the States (May 1, 2014)

A report created by the Standing Committee on Election Law to represent ABA President James R. Silkenat’s election law initiative. In early Spring 2014, the Standing Committee hosted several town halls with a particular focus on election reform. The Town Halls were created with the purpose of promoting a dialogue on election reform within the States with members of state and local bar associations, state and local election administrators and civic groups, local election lawyers, as well as representatives of both political parties. Dialogues on Election Reform as well as a survey to provide public comment through July 15, 2014, can be found at http://www.lawyercitizen.org. We welcome your comments and look forward to working with you in creating an open and fair electoral process for our nation.

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Election Delays in 2012

This report provides an overview of research and proposals to address Election Day delays. The information and insights contained in this report are intended as a starting point for further research into the problems delaying voters at the polls. To read the report, visit http://ambar.org/electionlaw.

Policies

- Improvements to Prevent Election Delays (August 2013)
- Improvements to Voter Registration Practices (August 2011)
- Modernization and Improvement of Voter Registration Practices, Databases, and Networks (August 2010)
- Election Administration Guidelines and Commentary (August 2009)
- Lawyers as Official Poll Workers (August 2008)
- Redistricting (February 2008)
- Voting by Individuals with Disabilities (August 2007)
- Reauthorization of Voting Rights Act (June 2006)
- Reauthorization of Voting Rights Act (August 2005)