



ELECTIONS BULLETIN

TO: Town and City Clerks
FROM: Kathy DeWolfe
RE: 2003 Elections Division Updates
DATE: July 21, 2003

This packet contains the following important information:

- Memorandum from Kathy DeWolfe summarizing Act 59, the election reform state legislation that was passed to implement the federal HAVA 2002. All Election Officials should read this carefully, as there are some significant changes.
- A copy of the entire Act 59 for your reference.
- The 2004 Elections Calendar. Please put in a notebook for easy reference.
- Biennial Purging Memo --Review of the Requirements to remove names from the checklist. Please note that you CAN remove names from the checklist without sending a "purging letter" for those address changes that you receive from the Office of the Secretary of State that we receive from DMV.
- A Zoning Workshop Memo--Please pass this along to your planning and zoning folks.
- We will continue to send you periodic memos to review and explain the HAVA and election reform changes as we approach various deadlines.
- We will be sending each Town and City new banners to be placed outside each polling place. These should last a long time as long as you carefully roll the banners with the **LETTERS ON THE OUTSIDE** for storage in the mailing tubes between elections.
- This fall we will send new reprints of the Vermont Election Laws for your easy reference. (We are waiting for the statute publishers to complete their updates and then we will do an excerpt of Title 17 for your use.)
- We will wait to revise Election Perspectives for distribution in the summer of 2004 (so that it will be updated just prior to the 2004 elections).
- We will be developing the software for the statewide checklist in August. We hope to begin testing with 10 volunteer clerks in late October. We will update all clerks as to our expected schedule to import data from town checklists to the statewide checklist after the testing is completed.