Securing Voting Technology from Manipulation

1) The Help America Vote Act:
   a) Extend time for jurisdictions to make purchasing decisions on voting equipment
   b) Provide $10 Million for each year 2003-2005 for the EAC
   c) Provide designated appropriations for NIST’s work on E-voting Standards
   d) Fund $20 million for Grants and Research on Voting Technology Improvements
   e) Fund $10 million 2003 Pilot Program for Testing E-voting Technology

2) Develop National E-Voting Standards and Security Protocols
   a) Certification of federal approved and supported labs to vet e-voting technology
   b) Voter Verifiable Audit Trail
   c) Registration of all voting software, and firmware in NIST’s reference library
   d) Sever the connection between vendors and election administration
   e) Increase the pool of Election Day workers
   f) Establish a national mandatory system of reporting problems with voting technology

3) Require Background Checks of Key Voting Technology Vendor Staff
   a) Security Clearance for development and technical staff
   b) Certification and training of support and technical staff
   c) Training programs for clients to foster independence from the vendor for routine maintenance and upgrades
   d) Severing support functions from contracting agreements that vendors offer public election voting technology clients.

Establish Integrity in the Administration of Elections

1) Education
   a. Create a Certification and Accreditation Process for Local Election Administrators that include conducting Logic and Accuracy Test and evaluation of election system for human factors
   b. Masters Degree and Professional Boards for State Election Administration and Key Staff

2) Restrict Partisan Political Activity of Election Administrators
   a. Oath of Office to conduct fair and impartial elections
   b. Baring the acceptance of gifts or gratuities from vendors
c. Registration of all vendors as lobbyist and annual reports of contacts as public record.
d. Transparency in voting equipment purchase decisions and contracting

3) Transparency
   a. Open the election system process to public view from testing to tabulation of results.
   b. Public access to operations manuals and pre-testing and certification of voting equipment.
   c. Open observation of testing, preparation and tabulation to directly viewing screens and processes.
   d. Access to all log files and internal operations of e-voting technology

Safeguard Voter Privacy

1) Reform Voter Registration Rules:
   a) Create uniform voter registration rules
   b) Implement uniform privacy protection for registered voters with strict opt-in rules for the sharing of a limited amount of information on voter registration with third parties.
   c) Block the use of centralized voter registration databases until sufficient security measures are in place to protect the privacy of registered voters.
   d) Prevent an expansion in ID requirements for voter registration and voting

2) Secure the Secrecy of Domestic and Overseas Ballots
   a) Remove the responsibility for conducting uniform voting for military and civilians living abroad from the
   b) Create a process that is streamline and efficient for equal access to voting that is on a par with domestic voters.
   c) Reform absentee ballot rules to create greater secrecy of ballots cast.

Guarantee Equal Voting Rights in Federal Elections

1) Uniform access to early voting, Election Day voting, and provisional ballots
   a) Establish national standards for polling locations and methods of changing locations
   c) Define rules for the appropriate use and counting of provisional ballots
   d) Ensure Early voting in all Federal elections