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Gale appointed to federal election advisory panel

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale has been appointed to a federal advisory committee on voting systems.

The 15-member Technical Guidelines Development Committee of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission makes recommendation on guidelines related to voting systems in the United States.

“It’s an honor to be chosen to the committee, and I look forward to being part of this historic effort to reform our national election standards,” said Gale.

Gale also serves on another advisory body of the Election Assistance Commission – the Standards Board. The 110-member board reviews proposed voting system guidelines and commission technical guidance.

The Election Assistance Commission is a four-member independent body created by the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. It is charged with administering payments to states to meet HAVA requirements, implementing election administration improvements, adopting voting system guidelines and serving as a national clearinghouse for information regarding election administration.

As chief election officer of Nebraska, Gale has been responsible for implementing federal election-reform mandates in Nebraska.

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