



# United States Election Assistance Commission

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## COMMISSIONERS DONETTA DAVIDSON

Ms. Donetta L. Davidson was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by unanimous consent of the United States Senate on July 28, 2005 to serve on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC). She was reappointed to a second term on October 2, 2008. Ms. Davidson was elected Chair of the EAC for 2010. She previously served as Chair in 2007 and Vice-Chair in 2008. Her term of service extends through December 12, 2011. Ms. Davidson, formerly Colorado's secretary of state, comes to EAC with experience in almost every area of election administration - everything from county clerk to secretary of state.



Ms. Davidson began her career in election administration when she was elected in 1978 as the Bent County clerk and recorder in Las Animas, Colorado, a position she held until 1986. Later that year, she was appointed director of elections for the Colorado Department of State, where she supervised county clerks in all election matters and assisted with recall issues for municipal, special district and school district elections.

In 1994, she was elected Arapahoe County clerk and recorder and reelected to a second term in 1998. The next year, Colorado Governor Bill Owens appointed Davidson as the Colorado secretary of state, and she was elected to in 2000 and reelected in 2002 for a four year term.

She has served on the Federal Election Commission Advisory Panel and the board of directors of the Help America Vote Foundation. In 2005, Ms. Davidson was elected president of the National Association of Secretaries of State, and she is the former president of the National Association of State Elections Directors (NASSED). Prior to her EAC appointment, Ms. Davidson served on EAC's Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC).

In 2005, Government Technology magazine named Ms. Davidson one of its "Top 25: Dreamers, Doers, and Drivers" in recognition of her innovative approach to improve government services. She was also the 1993 recipient of the Henry Toll Fellowship of Council of State Governments.

Davidson has devoted much of her professional life to election administration, but her first love is her family. Ms. Davidson was born into a military family in Liberal, Kansas and became a Coloradoan shortly thereafter when her family moved first to Two Buttes then to Las Animas where they settled. Whenever possible Ms. Davidson spends time with her family, son Todd, daughter, and son-in-law Trudie and Todd Berich and granddaughters Brittany and Nicole.