

Brady announces grants for federal elections

Congressman Brady announces \$2 million grant to improve collection of federal elections data in Pennsylvania

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PHILADELPHIA ---- Congressman Robert A. Brady (D., Pa.), chairman of the Committee on House Administration (CHA), announced today that Pennsylvania is one of five states that will be awarded \$2 million grants to improve the collection of precinct-level data in the November 2008 election. The Congressman noted that this marks the first time the Federal government will issue grants to states to improve federal elections data.

CHA has oversight of Federal elections and the day-to-day functions of the House of Representatives. The Committee's jurisdiction over Federal elections requires it to consider proposals to amend federal election law and to monitor Congressional elections across the United States.

The winning states- Pennsylvania, Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin-will use the funds to develop methods and procedures for collecting data that other states and jurisdictions can replicate. The EAC will include this data in its biennial Election Day Survey, a comprehensive report on how Americans vote in federal elections. The EAC's 2004 and 2006 Election Day Surveys <<http://www.congressweb.com/t/l/?QGGSLNNOLARITOG>> include statistics on key election issues such as voter turnout and registration, over votes and under votes, poll workers, and voting equipment and machines, among other topics.

Congressman Brady, who also serves as chair of the Philadelphia Democratic Party, said, "The grant will help to ensure the development of a best practices model that will help to ensure effective, non-discriminatory and fiscally sound voting throughout the nation."