

50 STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

established 1969

1968

Legislation passes to create the SEC.

James B. Ellisor named as Executive Director (1968-1992).

South Carolina becomes the first state in the nation to implement a computerized statewide voter registration system.

1969

Legislation creating SEC takes effect January 1.

1986

South Carolina implements voter registration by mail making registration easier and more accessible.

South Carolina implements the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act improving the ability of military and overseas voters to cast ballots from remote locations.

1992

SEC & county boards begin conducting party primaries previously conducted by political parties.

Lynn McCants named as Executive Director (1992-1993).

1994

James F. Hendrix named as Executive Director (1994-2002).

1995

South Carolina implements the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 establishing the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles and other state agencies as voter registration locations.

2003

Marci Andino named as Executive Director (2003-Present).

2005

South Carolina implements a uniform, statewide electronic voting system realizing an initiative started by former Executive Director James Ellisor to replace paper ballots.

2008

SEC and the county boards begin conducting presidential primaries previously conducted by political parties.

2010

South Carolina implements the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act expanding access to voter registration and voting for military and overseas citizens.

2012

South Carolina becomes one of the first states in the nation to implement online voter registration making registration easier and more accessible.

2014

SEC & county boards begin conducting partisan candidate filing previously conducted by political parties.

2017

U.S. Department of Homeland Security designates elections as Critical Infrastructure.