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Election Reform Act of 2001

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Sen. Allard, Wayne [R-CO]	R · CO		Jan 30, 2001
Sen. Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]	R · UT		Jan 30, 2001
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Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	R · MT		Jan 30, 2001
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Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	R · PA		Jan 30, 2001
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 30, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 263	Identical bill	Jan 30, 2001: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Summary (as of Jan 30, 2001)

Election Reform Act of 2001 - Establishes the Election Administration Commission to: (1) develop, update, and adopt voluntary engineering and procedural performance standards for voting systems used in Federal, State, and local elections; (2) advise States regarding compliance with the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act; (3) develop, adopt, and update voluntary procedures for maintaining and enhancing the accessibility of registration facilities, polling places, and voting methods; (4) have primary responsibility to carry out Federal functions under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (the Act); (5) develop, update, and adopt recommendations for voluntary procedures for maintaining and enhancing the administration of Federal, State, and local elections; (6) carry out the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 regarding mail voter registration; (7) make Federal election system information available to the public and media; (8) assemble bipartisan panels of election professionals to assist any State election official, upon request, in review of election or vote counting procedures in Federal, State, and local elections; and (9) compile the official certified results of Federal elections and statistics on national voter registration and turnout. Directs the Commission to: (1) make periodic studies of issues related to election administration; and (2) solicit and review applications from, and award grants to, State and local governments to improve and modernize election administration.

Transfers to the Commission all functions that the Office of Election Administration of the Federal Election Commission exercised before enactment of this Act.

Establishes the Election Administration Advisory Board to advise the Commission on the best practices in election administration.

Amends the Act to mandate certain State actions (currently only recommended) in order to maximize access to the polls by absent uniformed services voters.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 30, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 30, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S782)
- **Jan 30, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.