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Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2005

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 16, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 4069	Related bill	Nov 16, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
109 S 1975	Related bill	Nov 8, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (text of measure as introduced: CR S12531-12532)

Summary (as of Dec 7, 2005)

Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2005 - Amends the Revised Statutes and federal criminal law to prohibit any person, whether acting under color of law or otherwise, from knowingly deceiving any other person regarding: (1) the time, place, or manner of conducting any federal election; or (2) the qualifications for or restrictions on voter eligibility for any such election. Creates a private right of action for any person aggrieved by a violation of such prohibition.

Prescribes a criminal penalty for such deceptive acts.

Authorizes any person to report a deceptive act to the Assistant Attorney General (AAG) of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (or a designee).

Requires the AAG to investigate such a report within 48 hours after its receipt and provide correct information to the voters if it is determined that an act of deception occurred.

Requires an immediate investigation if such a report is received within 72 hours before an election. Directs the AAG, in such an instance, to: (1) undertake immediately all effective measures necessary to provide correct information to voters affected by the deception; and (2) refer the matter immediately to the appropriate federal and state authorities for criminal prosecution.

Directs the Attorney General to study the feasibility of providing such corrective information through public service announcements, the emergency alert system, or other forms of public broadcast.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 16, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Dec 7, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Dec 7, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.