

HR 1281

Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2007

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Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Apr 17, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 19, 2007
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 26, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 453	Related bill	Oct 4, 2007: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 411.

Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2007 - Amends the federal criminal code to make it unlawful for anyone before or during a federal election to knowingly communicate, or attempt to communicate, false election-related information about that election, with the intent to prevent another person from exercising the right to vote.

Increases from one year to five years' imprisonment the criminal penalty for intimidation of voters.

Directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to review and, if appropriate, amend the federal sentencing guidelines and policy statements applicable to persons convicted of any offense under this Act.

Authorizes any person to report to the Attorney General false election information or intimidation of voters.

Requires the Attorney General, immediately after receiving such a report, to consider and review it and, if there is a reasonable basis to find that a violation has occurred, to: (1) undertake all effective measures necessary to provide correct information to voters affected by the false information; and (2) refer the matter to the appropriate federal and state authorities for criminal prosecution or civil action after the election.

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

Requires the Attorney General to establish a Voting Integrity Task Force to carry out the requirements of this Act with respect to any general, primary, run-off, or special election for federal office.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Mr. Conyers moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7043-7048)
- **Jun 25, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1281.
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7043-7044)
- **Jun 25, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7043-7044)
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 18, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 110-101.
- **Apr 18, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 61.
- **Mar 29, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 29, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 1, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 1, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.