

## HR 281

Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2007

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Apr 8, 2008

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Reported By	Apr 14, 2008

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Apr 14, 2008)

Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2008 - Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit a state from imposing additional conditions or requirements on the eligibility of an individual to cast a vote in federal elections by mail, except to the extent that it imposes a deadline for requesting the ballot and returning it to the appropriate state or local election official.

Prohibits a state from accepting and processing such an absentee ballot unless it verifies the identification of the individual's signature on the ballot by comparing it with the individual's signature on the official list of registered voters in the state.

## Actions Timeline

- **Apr 14, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 110-581.
- **Apr 14, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 359.
- **Apr 2, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 2, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 5, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 5, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E24)
- **Jan 5, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.