

HR 5036

Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Jan 17, 2008
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jan 17, 2008
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Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2008
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Feb 12, 2008
Rep. Delahunt, William D. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Feb 12, 2008
Rep. Schwartz, Allyson Y. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Feb 12, 2008
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Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Feb 12, 2008
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Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 25, 2008
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 28, 2008
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2]	D · UT		Feb 28, 2008

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Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2008
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Mar 4, 2008
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Rep. Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]	D · AR		Mar 31, 2008
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 31, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Reported By	Apr 14, 2008
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 28, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Emergency Assistance for Secure Elections Act of 2008 - Directs the Election Assistance Commission to reimburse certain jurisdictions for the costs of: (1) converting from electronic or other voting systems to paper ballot voting systems for the general elections for federal office to be held in November 2008; (2) retrofitting direct recording electronic voting systems to produce voter verifiable paper records; and (3) providing backup paper ballots if the jurisdiction uses a direct recording electronic voting system which happens to fail. Authorizes appropriations.

Directs the Commission to reimburse any state for the documented reasonable costs it incurs in conducting manual audits of the results of any of the regularly scheduled general elections for federal office in November 2008 (including, at state option, manual audits of state and local elections).

Requires the state to: (1) reimburse immediately counties and other jurisdictions for the costs incurred as a result of a state audit; and (2) submit to the Commission a report on audit results in order to receive a payment under this Act. Authorizes appropriations.

Provides for payments for state, county, or equivalent locations conducting hand counts of the results of 2008 general elections. Authorizes appropriations.

Provides that if a state, county, or equivalent location uses a direct recording electronic voting system to conduct an election, the state, county, or equivalent location may not receive a payment for conducting a hand count of the votes cast in the election unless it certifies to the Commission that its system produces a paper record printout of the marked ballot verifiable by the voter at the time the vote is cast.

Requires the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to study, test, and develop products and practices that ensure the accessibility of paper ballot verification and casting for individuals with disabilities, for voters whose primary language is not English, and for voters with difficulties in literacy. Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 15, 2008:** Ms. Lofgren, Zoe moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 15, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2289-2297; text of measure as reported in House: CR H2289-2292)
- **Apr 15, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5036.
- **Apr 15, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 15, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2306-2307)
- **Apr 15, 2008:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 239 - 178 (Roll no. 188).
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- **Apr 14, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 110-582, Part I.
- **Apr 14, 2008:** Committee on Science and Technology discharged.
- **Apr 14, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 360.
- **Apr 2, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 2, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 28, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation.
- **Jan 17, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 17, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Technology, 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.