

HR 2540

Voter Protection Hotline Act of 2011

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Aug 25, 2011)

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| Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-11] | D · NY | | Mar 29, 2012 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Committee on House Administration | House | Referred to | Aug 11, 2011 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Aug 25, 2011 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 14, 2011)

Voter Protection Hotline Act of 2011 - Directs the Attorney General (AG) to establish and operate a toll-free telephone service, using a telephone number accessible throughout the United States using easily identifiable numerals, through which individuals may: (1) obtain information on voting in elections for federal office, including how to register to vote, the hours of operation of polling places, and how to obtain absentee ballots; and (2) report problems encountered in registering to vote or voting, including incidences of voter intimidation or suppression.

Requires the AG to: (1) appoint individuals to a Voter Hotline Task Force, giving special consideration to individuals representing civil rights organizations, for ongoing analysis and assessment of the telephone service's operation; and (2) submit a report to Congress each odd-numbered year concerning voter intimidation or suppression reports made to the hotline and assessing the availability of the service to all U.S. households with telephone service.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 25, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Aug 11, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Elections.
- **Jul 14, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 14, 2011:** 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.