

## HR 3463

To reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and by terminating the Election Assistance Commission.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Nov 17, 2011

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Dec 5, 2011)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** MS • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Nov 17, 2011
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 5, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 17, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HRES 477	Related bill	Nov 30, 2011: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
112 HR 672	Related bill	Jun 22, 2011: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 235 - 187 (Roll no. 466).
112 HR 359	Related bill	Mar 1, 2011: Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the bill withdrawn by unanimous consent in Senate. (consideration: CR S1075)

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to terminate as of December 31, 2010, taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns. Abolishes the Presidential Election Campaign Fund and the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account.

Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer all amounts remaining in the Fund after enactment of this Act to the general fund of the Treasury to reduce the deficit.

Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to terminate the Election Assistance Commission (EAC), the EAC Standards Board, and the EAC Board of Advisors 61 days after enactment of this Act. Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to perform EAC functions with respect to certain existing contracts and agreements during the transition period for winding up EAC affairs.

Transfers specified election administration functions of the EAC to the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

Replaces the Standards Board and the Board of Advisors with a Guidelines Review Board to review voluntary voting system guidelines proposed by the Technical Guidelines Development Committee.

Sets forth special requirements relating to the transfer of certain EAC authorities to the FEC with respect to development of such guidelines.

Transfers to the FEC the EAC Office of Voting System Testing and Certification.

Directs the Comptroller General to: (1) study the procedures used to adopt and modify the voluntary voting system guidelines applicable to the administration of elections for federal office, and (2) develop recommendations on methods to improve such procedures.

Requires the FEC to: (1) study the procedures for the testing, certification, decertification, and recertification of voting system hardware and software used in federal elections; and (2) develop a recommendation on the entity best suited to oversee and carry out such procedures.

Requires the recommendations in both studies to take into account the needs of persons affected by such guidelines, including state and local election officials, voters with disabilities, absent military and overseas voters, and the manufacturers of voting systems.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 5, 2011:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- **Dec 1, 2011:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 477. (consideration: CR H8016-8032)
- **Dec 1, 2011:** Measure provides for consideration of H.R. 3463 with one hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled; bill is closed to amendments. Provides for consideration of H.R. 527 with one hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled; specified amendments are in order. Provides for consideration of H.R. 3010 with one hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled; specified amendments are in order.
- **Dec 1, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 3463.
- **Dec 1, 2011:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H8032)
- **Dec 1, 2011:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rule 19, further proceedings on H.R. 3463 were postponed
- **Dec 1, 2011:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8032-8034)
- **Dec 1, 2011:** Mr. Bishop (GA) moved to recommit with instructions to House Administration. (consideration: CR H8032-8034; text: CR H8032)
- **Dec 1, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Bishop(GA) motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to insert provisions designed to continue protection of elderly, disabled and military voters, notwithstanding the termination of the Election Assistance Commission.
- **Dec 1, 2011:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H8033)
- **Dec 1, 2011:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 190 - 236 (Roll no. 872). (consideration: CR H8034)
- **Dec 1, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 235 - 190 (Roll no. 873). (text: CR H8016-8019)
- **Dec 1, 2011:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 235 - 190 (Roll no. 873). (text: CR H8016-8019)
- **Dec 1, 2011:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 29, 2011:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 477 Reported to House. Measure provides for consideration of H.R. 3463 with one hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled; bill is closed to amendments. Provides for consideration of H.R. 527 with one hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled; specified amendments are in order. Provides for consideration of H.R. 3010 with one hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled; specified amendments are in order.
- **Nov 17, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 17, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.