HR 672

Election Support Consolidation and Efficiency Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred to	Apr 1, 2011
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 28, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 3463	Related bill	**Dec 5, 2011:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Summary (as of Jun 2, 2011)

Election Support Consolidation and Efficiency Act **-** (Sec. 2) 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).

(Sec. 3) 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.

(Sec. 4) 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.

(Sec. 7) 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

- **Jun 22, 2011:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4392-4393)
- **Jun 22, 2011:** 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): 235 - 187 (Roll no. 466).
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- **Jun 21, 2011:** Mr. Harper moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 21, 2011:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4347-4354; text of measure as reported in House: CR H4347-4349)
- **Jun 21, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 672.
- **Jun 21, 2011:** 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.
- **Jun 2, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 112-100, Part I.
- **Jun 2, 2011:** Committee on Science, Space, and Technology discharged.
- **Jun 2, 2011:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 55.
- **May 25, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 25, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 1, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Elections.
- **Feb 28, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation.
- **Feb 11, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 11, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, 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.

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