

HR 787

Streamlined and Improved Methods at Polling Locations and Early (SIMPLE) Voting Act of 2017

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Feb 1, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 1, 2017)

Streamlined and Improved Methods at Polling Locations and Early (SIMPLE) Voting Act of 2017

This bill amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) to require each state to allow individuals to vote in a federal election on each day during the 15-day period ending on the second day immediately preceding the election date in the same manner as voting is allowed on election day.

A state shall ensure that each polling place that allows early voting in a federal election is located within reasonable walking distance of a stop on a public transportation route.

The Election Assistance Commission shall issue standards for the administration of early voting in a federal election.

Each state shall provide a sufficient number of voting systems, poll workers, and other election resources (including physical resources) at a polling place used in a federal election to ensure: (1) a fair and equitable waiting time for all voters in the state, and (2) that no individual will be required to wait longer than one hour to cast a ballot at the polling place.

Each state shall develop, and implement to the greatest extent practicable, a contingency plan under which it shall provide any polling place on a federal election day whose waiting times exceed one hour with additional poll workers, machines, ballots, and other equipment and supplies.

Requirements are prescribed for the counting of provisional ballots that will be treated as votes.

Civil money penalties, intervention by aggrieved parties, and private actions to address HAVA violations by a state or jurisdiction are allowed.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 1, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 1, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E118-119)
- **Feb 1, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.