Bill Summary & Status
113th Congress (2013 - 2014)

H.R.12
Latest Title: Voter Empowerment Act of 2013
Related Bills: S.123

SUMMARY AS OF:
1/3/2013--Introduced.

Voter Empowerment Act of 2013 - Voter Registration Modernization Act of 2013 - Amends the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) to require each state to make available official public websites for online voter registration.

Authorizes automated voter registration of certain individuals and establishes other initiatives to promote voter registration, such as same day registration and voter registration of individuals under 18 years of age.

Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit hindering, interfering with, or preventing voter registration.

Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) to establish requirements for states to promote access to voter registration and voting for individuals with disabilities, including a single office for providing related information.

Directs the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to make grants to eligible states to conduct pilot programs enabling individuals with disabilities to register to vote and vote privately and independently at their own residences (including by telephone).

Amends HAVA to reauthorize the program of grants to state and local governments to assure voting access for individuals with disabilities.

Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit state or local election officials from preventing an individual from registering or voting in any federal election (voter caging), or from permitting a formal challenge under state law to an individual's registration status or eligibility to vote, if the basis for such decision is evidence consisting of: (1) a voter caging document or voter caging list, (2) an unverified match list, (3) an error or omission on voter application or registration documents that is not material to an individual's eligibility to vote, or (4) any other evidence so designated by the Commission.

Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit a person, including an election official, from knowingly and willfully attempting to or depriving or defrauding the residents of a state of their free and fair exercise of the right to vote by the communication of election-related information.
that is known by the person to be materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent. Increases the penalty for voter intimidation.

 Declares that the right of an individual U.S. citizen to vote in any federal election shall not be denied or abridged because that individual has been convicted of a criminal offense unless he or she is serving a felony sentence in a correctional institution at the time of the election. Prescribes enforcement of this right by public or private civil action.

 Requires each state to notify in writing any individual convicted of a criminal offense under state law, upon release from state custody or upon sentence to probation, that he or she has the right to vote in a federal election and so may register to vote.

 Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2013 - Amends HAVA to revise requirements for the audit capacity of voting systems, particularly those for a permanent paper record.

 Requires the voting system to require the use of an individual, durable, voter-verified paper ballot of the voter's vote that shall be marked and made available for inspection by the voter before the voter's vote is cast and counted, and which shall be counted by hand or read by an optical character recognition device or other counting device. Requires the voting system to provide the voter with an opportunity to correct any system-made error in the voter-verified paper ballot before it is permanently preserved.

 Requires the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) to make grants to eligible entities to study, test, and develop accessible ballot voting, verification, and casting mechanisms and devices and best practices to enhance the accessibility of paper ballot voting and verification mechanisms for individuals with disabilities, for voters whose primary language is not English, and for voters with difficulties in literacy.

 Prescribes requirements for: (1) publication of poll tapes, (2) treatment of ballots cast at early voting sites and of absentee ballots, and (3) the counting of provisional ballots that will be treated as votes.

 Prescribes laboratory conflict-of-interest requirements and prohibitions.

 Requires the NSF Director to make grants to eligible entities to conduct research on the development of election-dedicated voting system software.

 Requires each state, except when the winning candidate had no opponent or received 80% or more of the votes, to administer audits of federal election results, without advance notice to the precincts selected, consisting of random hand counts of the voter-verified paper ballots.

 Requires the Election Auditor of a state, as soon as practicable after the completion of an audit, to submit the results to EAC for publication.

 Prohibits certification of the results of any election until completion of audits.
Amends HAVA to: (1) add requirements for counting provisional ballots, (2) require each state to allow early voting and facilitate the ability of voters to vote by mail.

Amends the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend the guarantee of voting residency to family members of absent military personnel.

Amends the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act with respect to pre-election reports on availability and transmission of absentee ballots.

Revises the 45-day absentee ballot transmission rule.

Permits use of a single absentee ballot application for subsequent elections.

Entitles to leave a federal employee who serves as a poll worker.

Directs the EAC to: (1) make a grant to each eligible state for poll-worker recruitment and training, and (2) develop materials for a model state poll worker training program.

Amends HAVA to make available to any person aggrieved by a violation of uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements the option to file a complaint with the Attorney General or pursue a private right of action to enforce such requirements.

Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to make it unlawful for a chief state election administration official, unless he or she or a family member is a candidate, to take an active part in political management or in a political campaign for federal office over which such official has supervisory authority.

Amends NVRA to treat universities as voter registration agencies.

Amends HAVA to establish minimum notification requirements on behalf of voters affected by polling place changes.

Directs the Attorney General to: (1) coordinate the establishment of a state-based response system for responding to questions and complaints from individuals voting or seeking to vote, or registering to vote or seeking to, in federal elections; (2) establish and operate a toll-free telephone service to connect directly to such response system; and (3) appoint a Voter Hotline Task Force.

Makes requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and HAVA applicable to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Amends HAVA to: (1) reauthorize and extend the EAC, and (2) repeal its exemption from certain government contracting requirements.
H.R.50

**Latest Title:** Streamlined and Improved Methods at Polling Locations and Early (SIMPLE) Voting Act of 2013

**Sponsor:** Rep Miller, George [CA-11] (introduced 1/3/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (67)

**Latest Major Action:** 1/3/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

**SUMMARY AS OF:** 1/3/2013--Introduced.

Streamlined and Improved Methods at Polling Locations and Early (SIMPLE) Voting Act of 2013 - 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.

Requires a state to 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.

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

Requires each state to 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.

Requires each state to 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, including a polling place at which individuals may cast ballots before the election date.

Requires the Commission to report to Congress biennially on the impact of this Act's early voting and waiting time provisions on the administration of elections for federal office.

Prescribes requirements for the counting of provisional ballots that will be treated as votes.

Allows civil money penalties, intervention by aggrieved parties, and private actions to address HAVA violations by a state or jurisdiction.
H.R.97

**Latest Title:** Fair, Accurate, Secure, and Timely Voting  
**Sponsor:** Rep Connolly, Gerald E. [VA-11] (introduced 1/3/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (7)  
**Related Bills:** S.85  
**Latest Major Action:** 1/25/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.

**SUMMARY AS OF:**  
1/3/2013--Introduced.

Fair, Accurate, Secure, and Timely Voting Act or FAST Voting Act - Directs the Attorney General to award grants, on a competitive basis, to enable states to: (1) invest in practices and technology designed to expedite voting at the polls, and (2) simplify voter registration.

Requires the grant application to include a comprehensive and coherent plan for using funds to improve the applicant's performance on specified measures with respect to: (1) flexible registration opportunities, (2) early voting, (3) assistance to non-English speaking voters, and (4) other related matters.

Requires each grantee to establish performance measures and targets, approved by the Attorney General, that track its progress in implementing its plan and expediting voting at the polls or simplifying voter registration, as applicable.

H.R.260

**Latest Title:** 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.  
**Sponsor:** Rep Harper, Gregg [MS-3] (introduced 1/15/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (4)  
**Related Bills:** H.R.1994  
**Latest Major Action:** 1/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: 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.

**SUMMARY AS OF:**  
1/15/2013--Introduced.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to terminate 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. 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.

**H.R.278**

**Latest Title:** John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting Act

**Sponsor:** Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9] (introduced 1/15/2013)  
**Cosponsors:** (12)

**Related Bills:** H.R.223, H.R.337, H.R.2490, H.R.2758, H.R.2978

**Latest Major Action:** 2/28/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.

**SUMMARY AS OF:** 1/15/2013--Introduced.

John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting Act - Prohibits a state that has been redistricted after an apportionment from being redistricted again until after the next apportionment of Representatives, unless the state is ordered by a court to conduct such a subsequent redistricting in order to: (1) comply with the U.S. Constitution, or (2) enforce the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Requires such redistricting to be conducted through a plan developed by the independent redistricting commission established in the state, or if such plan is not enacted into law, the redistricting plan selected by the state's highest court or developed by a U.S. district court.
Prescribes requirements for: (1) establishment of a state independent redistricting commission (including provisions for holding each of its meetings in public and maintaining a public Internet site); (2) development of a redistricting plan (including soliciting and considering public comments) and its submission to the state legislature (with public notice of plans at least seven days prior to such submission); (3) selection of a plan, under specified conditions, by the state's highest court or the U.S. district court for the district in which the capital of the state is located; (4) special rules for redistricting conducted under a federal court order; and (5) Election Assistance Commission payments to states for carrying out redistricting.

**H.R.280**

**Latest Title:** Same Day Registration Act of 2013  
**Sponsor:** Rep Ellison, Keith [MN-5] (introduced 1/15/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (11)  
**Related Bills:** S.532  
**Latest Major Action:** 1/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

**SUMMARY AS OF:**  
1/15/2013--Introduced.

Same Day Registration Act of 2013 - Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require states with a voter registration requirement to make same-day voter registration, or revision of an individual's voter registration information, available at the polling place on the date of election itself (or on the day of voting under early voting).

**H.R.289**

**Latest Title:** Value Our Time Elections Act  
**Sponsor:** Rep Moran, James P. [VA-8] (introduced 1/15/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (None)  
**Latest Major Action:** 1/15/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

**SUMMARY AS OF:**  
1/15/2013--Introduced.

Value Our Time Elections Act or VOTE Act - Amends the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) to require each state to make available official public websites for online voter registration.

Authorizes automated voter registration of certain individuals and establishes other initiatives to promote voter registration, such as same day registration and voter registration of individuals under 18 years of age.

Sets forth requirements for maintenance, privacy, and security of voter registration lists, including establishing deadlines for transmittal of change of address or other identifying information.
Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) to direct each state to provide, according to standards issued by the Election Assistance Commission, for the minimum required number of voting systems, poll workers, and other election resources (including all other physical resources) for each voting site on the day of any federal election and on any days during which such state allows early voting for a federal election.

Require each state to submit a written plan to the Commission describing the measures it is implementing to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, an equitable waiting time for all voters in the state and a waiting time of less than one hour at any polling place in the election.

Requires each jurisdiction for which the Commission determines that a substantial number of voters waited more than 90 minutes to cast a vote in a federal election, or in which there were substantial violations of certain established standards, to comply with a state remedial plan established by the Commission to provide for the effective allocation of resources to administer elections in the state and to reduce voter waiting times.

Requires provision of an emergency paper ballot to any requesting voter in the event of a failure of voting equipment or other circumstances at a polling place that causes an unreasonable delay.

Requires each state to allow individuals to vote during the seven day period (or, at state option, a longer period) before a federal election in the same manner as voting is allowed on election day.

Establishes minimum early voting requirements.

Directs the Commission to issue standards for the administration of early voting.

H.R.337  
**Latest Title:** Redistricting Transparency Act of 2013  
**Sponsor:** Rep Cooper, Jim [TN-5] (introduced 1/22/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (9)  
**Related Bills:** H.R.223, H.R.278, H.R.2490, H.R.2758  
**Latest Major Action:** 2/28/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.

**SUMMARY AS OF:**  
1/22/2013--Introduced.

Redistricting Transparency Act of 2013 - Requires states to carry out congressional redistricting in accordance with a process under which members of the public are informed of redistricting proposals via the Internet and have the opportunity to participate in the development of such proposals prior to their adoption.

Requires each state redistricting entity to establish and maintain a public Internet site meeting specified requirements.
Requires the state redistricting entity to: (1) solicit the input of members of the public in its work to develop initial congressional redistricting plans for the state; and (2) post the proposed final plan on the Internet site at least 10 days before its adoption, as well as no later than 7 days after its adoption, together with a map, the reasons for adoption, dissenting opinions, and certain other information.

H.R.376  
**Latest Title:** Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2013  
**Sponsor:** Rep Davis, Susan A. [CA-53] (introduced 1/23/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (23)  
**Latest Major Action:** 1/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

**SUMMARY AS OF:** 1/23/2013--Introduced.  
Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2013 - Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit a state from imposing additional conditions or requirements on the eligibility of an individual to cast a vote in federal elections by mail, except to the extent that it imposes a deadline for requesting the ballot and returning it to the appropriate state or local election official.

H.R.653  
**Latest Title:** Students Voicing Opinions in Today’s Elections (VOTE) Act  
**Sponsor:** Rep Green, Al [TX-9] (introduced 2/13/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (1)  
**Latest Major Action:** 2/13/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

**SUMMARY AS OF:** 2/13/2013--Introduced.  
Students Voicing Opinions in Today’s Elections (VOTE) Act - Directs the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program providing funds, during FY2013, to local educational agencies (LEAs) for initiatives that provide 12th graders with voter registration information.

Requires LEAs to consult with their state and local election officials in developing those initiatives.
H.R.775 [Elections Community Support?]

Latest Title: Uninterrupted Elections Act

SUMMARY AS OF:
2/15/2013--Introduced.

Uninterrupted Elections Act - Amends the federal judicial code to exempt an election and registration official, if named as a prospective juror under a random jury selection plan, from starting service as a juror during any election period (the period beginning 60 days before and ending 30 days after an election with respect to which the official has specified election duties).

Defines "election or registration official" as an appointed or elected local election administrator, or a permanent full-time employee of such an administrator, whose duties include the registration of voters or the administration of elections.

H.R.936

Latest Title: People Before Party Act of 2013
Latest Major Action: 3/4/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

SUMMARY AS OF:

People Before Party Act of 2013 - Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit a state from providing a voter, in a federal election, with the opportunity to indicate the selection of a political party as a representation of the selection of an individual candidate. (Thus prohibits voting for a party instead of an individual or "straight-party voting."

H.R.1280

Latest Title: Voter Fraud Prevention Act
Sponsor: Rep Olson, Pete [TX-22] (introduced 3/20/2013)  Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 3/20/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

SUMMARY AS OF:
3/20/2013--Introduced.

Voter Fraud Prevention Act - Amends the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to: (1) increase from 5 to 10 years the length of imprisonment for criminal activities involving intimidation or fraud in connection with voter registration and voting, (2) prohibit an individual involved in such activities from voting in subsequent federal elections; and (3) require use of automated tagging and tracking services for voter registration cards and absentee ballots.
Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require use of automated tagging and tracking services for absentee ballots.

**H.R.1641**  
**Latest Title:** Weekend Voting Act  
**Sponsor:** Rep Israel, Steve [NY-3] (introduced 4/18/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (4)  
**Latest Major Action:** 4/18/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

**SUMMARY AS OF:**  
4/18/2013--Introduced.

Weekend Voting Act - Amends the Revised Statutes with respect to the time of election to establish the first Saturday and Sunday after the first Friday in November, in every even numbered year, as the days for the election, in each state and territory, of Delegates to, or Members of, Congress.

Amends federal law with respect to presidential elections and vacancies to establish the first Saturday and Sunday after the first Friday in November, in every fourth year, as the days for the election of the President and Vice President of the United States.

Amends such federal laws to establish the same polling place hours in the United States for both congressional and presidential elections, namely from 10:00 a.m. EST on Saturday till 6:00 p.m. EST on Sunday, with polls allowed to close between the hours of 10:00 p.m. local time on Saturday and 6:00 a.m. local time on Sunday as provided by the law of the state in which the polling place is located.

**H.R.1655**  
**Latest Title:** Military Overseas Ballot Protection Act  
**Sponsor:** Rep Roe, David P. [TN-1] (introduced 4/18/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (None)  
**Latest Major Action:** 4/18/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

**SUMMARY AS OF:**  
4/18/2013--Introduced.

Military Overseas Ballot Protection Act - Amends the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to prohibit a state from certifying the results of a regularly scheduled election for federal office until it has counted all valid ballots of absent servicemember voters collected by the presidential designee and delivered to the appropriate state election officials.

Allows a state to certify such results on the later of ten days after such election or the date provided under state law.
H.R.1748  
**Latest Title:** America Votes Act of 2013  
**Sponsor:** Rep Larsen, Rick [WA-2] (introduced 4/25/2013)  
**Cosponsors:** (49)  
**Latest Major Action:** 4/25/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

**SUMMARY AS OF:**  
4/25/2013--Introduced.

America Votes Act of 2013 - Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to permit an individual required to present identification as a condition for voting in a federal election to meet the requirement by presenting the appropriate state or local election official with a sworn written statement, signed by the individual under penalty of perjury, attesting to the individual's identification and that he or she is registered to vote in the election. Allows an individual desiring to vote by mail to submit such a statement with the ballot.

Requires any state subject to this identification requirement to: (1) prepare a pre-printed version of the statement which includes a blank space for an individual to provide a name and signature, (2) make copies of the pre-printed version available at polling places for election officials to distribute to individuals who desire to vote in person, and (3) include a copy of the pre-printed version with each blank absentee or other ballot transmitted to an individual who desires to vote by mail.

Prohibits a state from requiring an individual who presents or submits such a sworn written statement to cast a provisional ballot in the election.

Excepts first-time voters registering by mail from application of this Act.

Requires states requiring an individual to present identification as a condition of receiving and casting a ballot in a federal election to include the use of a sworn written statement in voting information posted at polling places.

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H.R.1994  
**Latest Title:** Election Assistance Commission Termination Act  
**Sponsor:** Rep Harper, Gregg [MS-3] (introduced 5/15/2013)  
**Cosponsors:** (1)  
**Related Bills:** H.R.260  
**Latest Major Action:** 12/12/2013 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 211.  
**House Reports:** 113-293

**SUMMARY AS OF:**  
12/12/2013--Reported to House without amendment.  
(There is 1 other summary)

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

Election Assistance Commission Termination Act - 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. 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).

Terminates the Technical Guidelines Development Committee.

**H.R.2017**

**Latest Title:** To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to improve the operations of the Election Assistance Commission, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Brady, Robert A. [PA-1] (introduced 5/16/2013)  

**Cosponsors** (3)

**Latest Major Action:** 5/16/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

**SUMMARY AS OF:** 5/16/2013--Introduced.

EAC Improvements Act of 2013 - Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to: (1) reauthorize the Election Assistance Commission (EAC), and (2) require states to participate in post-general election surveys.

Requires the EAC to: (1) conduct and publish a survey of each polling place used in an election to determine the percentage of them in compliance with standards under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; (2) establish an escrow account for making payments to accredited laboratories for the costs of the testing carried out in connection with the certification, decertification, and recertification of voting system hardware and software; (3) establish a schedule of fees for such testing; and (4) maintain and publish an updated list of all accredited laboratories.

Directs the EAC to analyze various factors that affect the costs to state and local governments of administering elections for federal office.

Directs the Comptroller General (GAO) to study the administrative operations of the EAC, including various methods for increasing their efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

**H.R.2115 - [Chair of the House Admin Committee so pay attention]**

**Latest Title:** Voter Registration Efficiency Act

**Sponsor:** Rep Miller, Candice S. [MI-10] (introduced 5/22/2013)  

**Cosponsors** (3)

**Latest Major Action:** 5/22/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

**SUMMARY AS OF:** 5/22/2013--Introduced.

Voter Registration Efficiency Act - Amends the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require a state motor vehicle authority to require each individual applying for a motor vehicle driver's license in the state to: (1) indicate whether the individual resides in another state or resided in
another state before applying for the license, and, if so, to identify the state involved; and (2) indicate whether the individual intends for the new state to serve as the individual's residence for federal voter registration purposes.

Requires the motor vehicle authority, if an individual indicates an intention for the new state to serve as the individual's residence for federal voter registration purposes, to notify the motor vehicle authority of the former state of residence, which shall notify the chief state election official of that state that the individual no longer intends for it to serve as the individual's residence for federal voter registration purposes.

H.R.2168
Latest Title: Helping Heroes Vote Act of 2013
Related Bills: S.123
Latest Major Action: 5/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

SUMMARY AS OF:
5/23/2013--Introduced.

Helping Heroes Vote Act of 2013 - Amends the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (the Act) to direct the Secretary of Defense (DOD) to notify the appropriate election official of the state in which a servicemember is registered to vote of any change in the servicemember’s current mailing address due to being deployed on active duty for more than 30 days away from his or her permanent duty station or being redeployed without first returning to such duty station.

Repeals a state's authority to waive ballot transmission requirements with respect to absentee military voters and overseas citizens who request such ballots within 45 days of a federal election. Requires the use of express delivery in the case of a failure to meet such requirement.

Requires each state to establish alternative procedures to accept and process absentee ballots of military voters and overseas citizens in the event of a major disaster in that state.

Prohibits a state from refusing to accept voter registration and absentee ballot applications from overseas voters (under current law, only from absent servicemember voters) on the grounds of early submission.

Authorizes additional funding to carry out the Act.
H.R.2350 [Of Interest to Election Officials?]

Latest Title: Time Off to Vote Act


SUMMARY AS OF:
6/13/2013--Introduced.

Time Off to Vote Act - Entitles an employee to two hours of paid leave on the day of any federal election in order to vote.

Gives the employer the right to determine the two-hour-period, excluding any lunch break or other break.

Prohibits the loss of benefits for any employee taking such leave under this Act.

Makes it unlawful for any employer to interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of or the attempt to exercise, the right to take leave under this Act, or to discriminate against an employee in any manner for taking leave under this Act.

Makes it unlawful for any employer to discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any individual for: (1) opposing any practice made unlawful by this Act; (2) filing any charge, or instituting or causing to be instituted any proceeding, under or related to this Act; or (3) testifying or preparing to testifying in any inquiry or proceeding relating to any leave provided under this Act.

Specifies the penalties for any employer who violates this Act.

H.R.2403

Latest Title: SAFE Act


Related Bills: H.R.2409

Latest Major Action: 6/17/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

SUMMARY AS OF:
6/17/2013--Introduced.

Securing America's Fair Elections Act or the SAFE Act - Amends the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to permit a state to require an applicant for voter registration who uses the federal mail voter registration application form developed by the Election Assistance Commission to provide additional information relating to the applicant's eligibility to register to vote in elections for federal office in the state (including information relating to the applicant's citizenship status) as a condition of the state's acceptance of the form.
H.R.2409
Latest Title: State Sovereignty in Voting Act
Related Bills: H.R.2403
Latest Major Action: 6/18/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

SUMMARY AS OF:
6/18/2013--Introduced.

State Sovereignty in Voting Act - Amends the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to permit a state to require an applicant for voter registration who uses the federal mail voter registration application form developed by the Election Assistance Commission to provide documentary evidence of citizenship as a condition of the state's acceptance of the form.

H.R.2756
Latest Title: Redistricting and Voter Protection Act of 2013
Sponsor: Rep Green, Al [TX-9] (introduced 7/19/2013)  Cosponsors (7)

SUMMARY AS OF:
7/19/2013--Introduced.

Redistricting and Voter Protection Act of 2013 - Requires a state that enacts a congressional redistricting plan prior to the next decennial census and apportionment of Representatives to obtain a declaratory judgment or preclearance from the Attorney General that such plan does not have the purpose or effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color or in contravention of the guarantees of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

H.R.2758
Latest Title: Redistricting Reform Act of 2013
Sponsor: Rep Lofgren, Zoe [CA-19] (introduced 7/19/2013)  Cosponsors (None)

SUMMARY AS OF:
7/19/2013--Introduced.

Redistricting Reform Act of 2013 - Prohibits a state that has been redistricted after an apportionment from being redistricted again until after the next apportionment of Representatives, unless the state is ordered by a court to conduct such a subsequent redistricting in order to: (1) comply with the U.S. Constitution, or (2) enforce the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Requires such redistricting to be conducted according to: (1) a plan developed by the independent redistricting commission established in the state; or (2) if such plan is not enacted
into law, the redistricting plan selected by the state's highest court or developed by a U.S. district court.

Provides for: (1) establishment by each state of an independent redistricting commission; (2) development by such commission of a redistricting plan; (3) submission of the plan to, and consideration and enactment of a plan by, the state legislature; (4) selection of a plan by the state’s highest court or development of a plan by the U.S. district court, under specified conditions; (5) special rules for redistricting conducted under a federal court order; (6) Election Assistance Commission payments to states for carrying out redistricting; (7) civil enforcement to carry out this Act; and (8) the right of civil action for a person who is aggrieved by a violation of this Act.

**H.R.2829**

**Latest Title:** Restoring Important Voter Eligibility Requirements to States Act of 2013

**Sponsor:** Rep Culberson, John Abney [TX-7] (introduced 7/25/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (1)

**Latest Major Action:** 7/25/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: 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.

**SUMMARY AS OF:**  
7/25/2013--Introduced.

Restoring Important Voter Eligibility Requirements to States Act of 2013 - Amends the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require an applicant for voter registration for federal elections to state affirmatively in the application form provided along with an application for a motor vehicle driver's license (as well as in other voter registration forms) that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements for voting in such elections as a condition of the application's acceptance.

Requires all such forms to include a statement specifying the penalty for perjury in an application for voter registration.

Prohibits states from registering an individual to vote in federal elections unless they verify that the information provided in the individual's application is correct.

Requires the head of an office of the federal government, upon request, to enter into an agreement with the chief state election official to enable the official to verify the eligibility of such an applicant.
H.R.3321
Latest Title: Voter ID Accessibility Act of 2013
Latest Major Action: 10/23/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

SUMMARY AS OF:
10/23/2013--Introduced.

Voter ID Accessibility Act of 2013 - Amends the Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require states that have in effect a photo identification requirement as a condition for voting in a federal election to provide individuals who do not have a government-issued photo identification with such an identification, without charge, upon request.

H.R.3576 SENTRI Act
Latest Title: Safeguarding Elections for our Nation's Troops through Reforms and Improvements Act
Sponsor: Rep McCarthy, Kevin [CA-23] (introduced 11/21/2013) Cosponsors (1)
Related Bills: S.1728
Latest Major Action: 11/21/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Veterans' Affairs, 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.

H.R.3688 -- Ex-Offender Voter Registration Act of 2013 (Introduced in House - IH)

HR 3688 IH

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H. R. 3688

To amend title 18, United States Code, to direct the Bureau of Prisons to provide certain voting information to Federal prisoners upon their release from prison.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 10, 2013

Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself and Ms. MENG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the ‘Ex-Offender Voter Registration Act of 2013’.

**SEC. 2. PROVISION OF VOTING INFORMATION TO FEDERAL PRISONERS.**

Section 4042(a)(E) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after clause (vii) the following:

‘(viii) The laws and regulations governing the right of an individual convicted of a felony who has been released from prison to vote in each of the 50 States, and, for the State in which the prisoner will reside upon release, any voter registration or application forms that the prisoner will need to complete in order to vote.’.

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**S.9**

**Latest Title:** Clean and Fair Elections Act

**Sponsor:** Sen Reid, Harry [NV] (introduced 1/22/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (18)

**Latest Major Action:** 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**SUMMARY AS OF:**  
1/22/2013--Introduced.

Clean and Fair Elections Act - Expresses the sense of the Senate with respect to congressional attention to elections and voting, including concerning:

- structuring election administration and campaign finance systems so that the interests of the American public are the first priority;
- greater transparency and an end to anonymous political spending by shadow groups and special interests;
- disclosure of campaign contributions in a searchable, public online database,
- safeguarding the right to vote, including by prohibiting deceptive and misleading efforts to prevent voters from exercising the franchise;
- streamlining voting procedures;
- passage of legislation that includes expanded absentee voting, mandatory early voting periods, and voter registration reforms;
- ensuring that local election officials have working voting systems that are accessible, secure, and easy to use;
- state plans to reduce lines at polling places and provide additional flexibility in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency; and
• enforcement of the guarantees of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 so that all Americans are able to vote and have their votes count without discrimination.

S.58
Latest Title: LINE Act of 2013
Sponsor: Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA] (introduced 1/22/2013) Cosponsors (1)
Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUMMARY AS OF: 1/22/2013--Introduced.

Lines Interfere with National Elections Act of 2013 or LINE Act of 2013 - Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require each state to provide for the minimum required number of voting systems, poll workers, and other election resources (including all other physical resources) for each voting site on the day of any federal election and on any days during which the state allows early voting for a federal election in accordance with standards established under this Act.

Directs the Attorney General, to the maximum extent practicable in coordination with the Election Assistance Commission, to issue standards for a uniform and non-discriminatory distribution of such systems, workers, and other resources, taking into account with respect to any voting site, among other factors, the voting age population, the needs and numbers of disabled voters, and voters with limited English proficiency.

Requires the standards, to the extent possible, to provide for a distribution of voting systems, poll workers, and other election resources with the goal of: (1) ensuring an equal waiting time for all voters in the state, and (2) preventing a waiting time of over one hour at any polling place.

Requires each jurisdiction where a substantial number of voters waited more than 90 minutes to cast a vote in the federal election held on November 6, 2012, or any federal election held after that date, to comply with a state remedial plan to minimize voter waiting times.

S.85
Latest Title: FAST Voting Act of 2013
Related Bills: H.R.97
Latest Major Action: 1/23/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.


Louis L. Redding Fair, Accurate, Secure, and Timely Voting Act of 2013 or FAST Voting Act of 2013 - Directs the Attorney General to award grants, on a competitive basis, to enable states to:
(1) invest in practices and technology designed to expedite voting at the polls, and (2) simplify voter registration.

Requires the grant application to include a comprehensive and coherent plan for using funds to improve the applicant's performance on specified measures with respect to: (1) flexible registration opportunities, (2) early voting, (3) assistance to non-English speaking voters, and (4) other related matters.

Requires each grantee to establish performance measures and targets, approved by the Attorney General, that track its progress in implementing its plan and expediting voting at the polls or simplifying voter registration, as applicable.

**S.123**

**Latest Title:** Voter Empowerment Act of 2013

**Sponsor:** Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY] (introduced 1/23/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (12)

**Related Bills:** H.R.12, H.R.2168

**Latest Major Action:** 1/23/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**SUMMARY AS OF:**

1/23/2013--Introduced.

Voter Empowerment Act of 2013 - Voter Registration Modernization Act of 2013 - Amends the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) to require each state to make available official public websites for online voter registration.

Authorizes automated voter registration of certain individuals and establishes other initiatives to promote voter registration, such as same day registration and voter registration of individuals under 18 years of age.

Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit hindering, interfering with, or preventing voter registration.

Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) to establish requirements for states to promote access to voter registration and voting for individuals with disabilities, including a single office for providing related information.

Directs the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to make grants to eligible states to conduct pilot programs enabling individuals with disabilities to register to vote and vote privately and independently at their own residences (including by telephone).

Amends HAVA to reauthorize the program of grants to state and local governments to assure voting access for individuals with disabilities.

Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit state or local election officials from preventing an individual from registering or voting in any federal election (voter caging), or from permitting a formal challenge under state law to an individual’s registration status or eligibility to vote, if the
basis for such decision is evidence consisting of: (1) a voter caging document or voter caging list, (2) an unverified match list, (3) an error or omission on voter application or registration documents that is not material to an individual's eligibility to vote, or (4) any other evidence so designated by the Commission.

Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit a person, including an election official, from knowingly and willfully attempting to or depriving or defrauding the residents of a state of their free and fair exercise of the right to vote by the communication of election-related information that is known by the person to be materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent. Increases the penalty for voter intimidation.

Declares that the right of an individual U.S. citizen to vote in any federal election shall not be denied or abridged because that individual has been convicted of a criminal offense unless he or she is serving a felony sentence in a correctional institution at the time of the election. Prescribes enforcement of this right by public or private civil action.

Requires each state to notify in writing any individual convicted of a criminal offense under state law, upon release from state custody or upon sentence to probation, that he or she has the right to vote in a federal election and so may register to vote.

Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2013 - Amends HAVA to revise requirements for the audit capacity of voting systems, particularly those for a permanent paper record.

Requires the voting system to require the use of an individual, durable, voter-verified paper ballot of the voter's vote that shall be marked and made available for inspection by the voter before the voter's vote is cast and counted, and which shall be counted by hand or read by an optical character recognition device or other counting device. Requires the voting system to provide the voter with an opportunity to correct any system-made error in the voter-verified paper ballot before it is permanently preserved.

Requires the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) to make grants to eligible entities to study, test, and develop accessible ballot voting, verification, and casting mechanisms and devices and best practices to enhance the accessibility of paper ballot voting and verification mechanisms for individuals with disabilities, for voters whose primary language is not English, and for voters with difficulties in literacy.

Prescribes requirements for: (1) publication of poll tapes, (2) treatment of ballots cast at early voting sites and of absentee ballots, and (3) the counting of provisional ballots that will be treated as votes.

Prescribes laboratory conflict-of-interest requirements and prohibitions.

Requires the NSF Director to make grants to eligible entities to conduct research on the development of election-dedicated voting system software.
Requires each state, except when the winning candidate had no opponent or received 80% or more of the votes, to administer audits of federal election results, without advance notice to the precincts selected, consisting of random hand counts of the voter-verified paper ballots.

Requires the Election Auditor of a state, as soon as practicable after the completion of an audit, to submit the results to EAC for publication.

Prohibits certification of the results of any election until completion of audits.

Amends HAVA to: (1) add requirements for counting provisional ballots, (2) require each state to allow early voting and facilitate the ability of voters to vote by mail.

Amends the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend the guarantee of voting residency to family members of absent military personnel.

Amends the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act with respect to pre-election reports on availability and transmission of absentee ballots.

Revises the 45-day absentee ballot transmission rule.

Permits use of a single absentee ballot application for subsequent elections.

Entitles to leave a federal employee who serves as a poll worker.

Directs the EAC to: (1) make a grant to each eligible state for poll-worker recruitment and training, and (2) develop materials for a model state poll worker training program.

Amends HAVA to make available to any person aggrieved by a violation of uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements the option to file a complaint with the Attorney General or pursue a private right of action to enforce such requirements.

Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to make it unlawful for a chief state election administration official, unless he or she or a family member is a candidate, to take an active part in political management or in a political campaign for federal office over which such official has supervisory authority.

Amends NVRA to treat universities as voter registration agencies.

Amends HAVA to establish minimum notification requirements on behalf of voters affected by polling place changes.

Directs the Attorney General to: (1) coordinate the establishment of a state-based response system for responding to questions and complaints from individuals voting or seeking to vote, or registering to vote or seeking to, in federal elections; (2) establish and operate a toll-free telephone service to connect directly to such response system; and (3) appoint a Voter Hotline Task Force.
Makes requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and HAVA applicable to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Amends HAVA to: (1) reauthorize and extend the EAC, and (2) repeal its exemption from certain government contracting requirements.

**S.302**  
**Latest Title:** Voter Integrity Protection Act  
**Sponsor:** Sen Vitter, David [LA] (introduced 2/13/2013)      Cosponsors (None)  
**Latest Major Action:** 2/13/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**SUMMARY AS OF:**  
2/13/2013--Introduced.

Voter Integrity Protection Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to make voting in a federal election (unless otherwise provided for under the federal criminal code) by an alien who is unlawfully in the United States an aggravated felony and a deportable offense.

**S.532**  
**Latest Title:** Same Day Registration Act  
**Sponsor:** Sen Klobuchar, Amy [MN] (introduced 3/12/2013)      Cosponsors (1)  
**Related Bills:** H.R.280  
**Latest Major Action:** 3/12/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**SUMMARY AS OF:**  
3/12/2013--Introduced.

Same Day Registration Act - Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require states with a voter registration requirement to make same-day voter registration available at the polling place on the date of election itself (or on the day of voting under early voting).
S.1336
**Latest Title:** A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to permit States to require proof of citizenship for registration to vote in elections for Federal office.

**Sponsor:** Sen Cruz, Ted [TX] (introduced 7/18/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (9)

**Latest Major Action:** 7/18/2013 Introduced in the Senate. Read twice. Ordered Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 144.

**SUMMARY AS OF:** 7/18/2013--Introduced.

Amends the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to allow states to require proof of citizenship for voter registration.

S.1728
**Latest Title:** Safeguarding Elections for our Nation's Troops through Reforms and Improvements (SENTRI) Act

**Sponsor:** Sen Cornyn, John [TX] (introduced 11/19/2013)  
**Cosponsors** (10)

**Related Bills:** H.R.3576

**Latest Major Action:** 11/19/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration