

HR 756 IH E-Poll Book Improvement Act of 2007

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To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to direct the Election Assistance Commission to develop and adopt guidelines for electronic poll books in the same manner as the Commission develops and adopts voluntary voting system guidelines under the Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 31, 2007

Ms. DEGETTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 'E-Poll Book Improvement Act of 2007'.

SEC. 2. DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES FOR ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS.

(a) Requiring Election Assistance Commission to Develop and Adopt Guidelines- Part 3 of subtitle A of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15361 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

` SEC. 223. DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES FOR ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS.

` (a) In General- Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Commission shall develop and adopt voluntary guidelines for electronic poll books, in the same manner and in accordance with the same procedures under which the Commission develops and adopts voluntary voting system guidelines under this part.

` (b) Electronic Poll Book Defined- In this section, an `electronic poll book' is an electronic mechanism (including stand-alone software) by which an election official at a polling place, at the time an individual seeks to vote, may obtain information on the individual's eligibility to vote (including whether the individual is registered to vote in an election for Federal office, the polling place to which the individual is assigned, and whether the individual has already voted in the election), whether the mechanism is operated by integration with a voting system or independently.'

(b) Role of Technical Guidelines Development Committee- Section 221 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 15361) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

` (g) Application to Guidelines For Electronic Poll Books- This section shall apply with respect to the voluntary guidelines for electronic poll books developed and adopted under section 223 in the same manner as it applies to the development and adoption of the voluntary voting system guidelines.'

(c) Clerical Amendment- The table of contents of such Act is amended by adding at the end of the items relating to part 3 of subtitle A the following:

` Sec. 223. Development and adoption of guidelines for electronic poll books.'

SEC. 3. CERTIFICATION AND TESTING OF ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS BY ACCREDITED LABORATORIES.

Section 231(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15371(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

` (3) COVERAGE OF ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS UNDER CERTIFICATION AND TESTING OF VOTING SYSTEM HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE- For purposes of this section, an electronic poll book (as defined in section 223(b)) shall be treated as part of the hardware and software of a

voting system, without regard to whether or not the electronic poll book operates by integration with a voting system or independently.