

109TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2166

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2006

Referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## AN ACT

To direct the Election Assistance Commission to make grants to States to restore and replace election administration supplies, materials, records, equipment, and technology which were damaged, destroyed, or dislocated as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Hurricane Election  
5       Relief Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO STATES FOR RESTORING AND REPLAC-**  
2 **ING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SUPPLIES,**  
3 **MATERIALS, RECORDS, EQUIPMENT, AND**  
4 **TECHNOLOGY WHICH WERE DAMAGED, DE-**  
5 **STROYED, OR DISLOCATED BY HURRICANES**  
6 **KATRINA OR RITA.**

7 (a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—The Election  
8 Assistance Commission shall make a grant to each eligible  
9 State, in such amount as the Commission considers appro-  
10 priate, for purposes of restoring and replacing supplies,  
11 materials, records, equipment, and technology used in the  
12 administration of Federal elections in the State which  
13 were damaged, destroyed, or dislocated as a result of Hur-  
14 ricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita and ensuring the full  
15 participation in such elections by individuals who were dis-  
16 placed as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

17 (b) **USE OF GRANT FUNDS.**—Funds received under  
18 a grant under subsection (a) shall be used in a manner  
19 that is consistent with the requirements of title III of the  
20 Help America Vote Act of 2002.

21 (c) **ELIGIBILITY.**—A State is eligible to receive a  
22 grant under this section if it submits to the Commission  
23 (at such time and in such form as the Commission may  
24 require) a certification that—

25 (1) supplies, materials, records, equipment, and  
26 technology used in the administration of Federal

1 elections in the State were damaged, destroyed, or  
2 dislocated as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hur-  
3 ricane Rita; or

4 (2) the system of such State for conducting  
5 Federal elections has been significantly impacted by  
6 the displacement of individuals as a result of Hurri-  
7 cane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

8 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal  
10 year 2006 for grants under this Act \$50,000,000, to re-  
11 main available until expended.

Passed the Senate February 9, 2006.

Attest: EMILY J. REYNOLDS,  
*Secretary.*