

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 756

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

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

A BILL

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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 “E-Poll Book Improve-
5 ment Act of 2007”.

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

3 (a) REQUIRING ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
4 TO DEVELOP AND ADOPT GUIDELINES.—Part 3 of sub-
5 title A of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C.
6 15361 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new section:

8 **“SEC. 223. DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES**
9 **FOR ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
11 date of the enactment of this section, the Commission
12 shall develop and adopt voluntary guidelines for electronic
13 poll books, in the same manner and in accordance with
14 the same procedures under which the Commission devel-
15 ops and adopts voluntary voting system guidelines under
16 this part.

17 “(b) ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK DEFINED.—In this
18 section, an ‘electronic poll book’ is an electronic mecha-
19 nism (including stand-alone software) by which an election
20 official at a polling place, at the time an individual seeks
21 to vote, may obtain information on the individual’s eligi-
22 bility to vote (including whether the individual is reg-
23 istered to vote in an election for Federal office, the polling
24 place to which the individual is assigned, and whether the
25 individual has already voted in the election), whether the

1 mechanism is operated by integration with a voting system
2 or independently.”.

3 (b) **ROLE OF TECHNICAL GUIDELINES DEVELOP-**
4 **MENT COMMITTEE.**—Section 221 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
5 15361) is amended by adding at the end the following new
6 subsection:

7 “(g) **APPLICATION TO GUIDELINES FOR ELEC-**
8 **TRONIC POLL BOOKS.**—This section shall apply with re-
9 spect to the voluntary guidelines for electronic poll books
10 developed and adopted under section 223 in the same
11 manner as it applies to the development and adoption of
12 the voluntary voting system guidelines.”.

13 (c) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents
14 of such Act is amended by adding at the end of the items
15 relating to part 3 of subtitle A the following:

“Sec. 223. Development and adoption of guidelines for electronic poll books.”.

16 **SEC. 3. CERTIFICATION AND TESTING OF ELECTRONIC**
17 **POLL BOOKS BY ACCREDITED LABORA-**
18 **TORIES.**

19 Section 231(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
20 (42 U.S.C. 15371(a)) is amended by adding at the end
21 the following new paragraph:

22 “(3) **COVERAGE OF ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS**
23 **UNDER CERTIFICATION AND TESTING OF VOTING**
24 **SYSTEM HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE.**—For purposes
25 of this section, an electronic poll book (as defined in

1 section 223(b)) shall be treated as part of the hard-
2 ware and software of a voting system, without re-
3 gard to whether or not the electronic poll book oper-
4 ates by integration with a voting system or inde-
5 pendently.”.

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