

SENATE, No. 2043

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 16, 2020

Sponsored by:

Senator JAMES BEACH

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER

District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

SYNOPSIS

Requires State to use at least half of future federal “Help America Vote Act” funds for voting systems with paper record.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/7/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning the use of certain federal fund allocations for
2 election technology purposes and amending P.L.2004, c.88.

3
4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

6
7 1. Section 3 of P.L.2004, c.88 (C.19:61-3) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 3. There is hereby established in the Department of the
10 Treasury a special, nonlapsing fund to be known as the Federal
11 Elections Assistance Fund.

12 The fund is established in accordance with paragraph (b) of
13 section 254 of Pub.L.107-252, (42 U.S.C.15404) for the purpose of
14 receiving:

15 a. all moneys appropriated or otherwise made available by the
16 State for the purpose of carrying out the activities required by
17 Pub.L.107-252;

18 b. all payments which will be received from the federal
19 government pursuant to Pub.L.107-252;

20 c. interest earned on deposits made in the fund; and

21 d. such other additional amounts as may be appropriated under
22 federal or State law.

23 The State Treasurer is authorized to transfer into the fund in a
24 timely manner such State moneys as will be necessary to insure that
25 the State qualifies for the maximum amount of federal funds
26 appropriated to implement Pub.L.107-252.

27 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or
28 regulation to the contrary, at least half of federal funds appropriated
29 to the State in accordance with Pub.L.107-252 during the 15 years
30 following the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the
31 Legislature as this bill) shall be allocated by the State Treasurer for
32 the purpose of replacing voting machines with a voting system that
33 provides a paper record of each vote cast.

34 (cf: P.L.2004, c.88, s.3)

35
36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

37

38

39

STATEMENT

40

41 Under the federal "Help America Vote Act of 2002," Pub.L.107-
42 252, also known as HAVA, the federal government allocated to the
43 State funding for modernizing various aspects of the elections
44 process. This bill provides that at least half of any future funds
45 allocated to the State under HAVA during the 15 years following

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

S2043 BEACH, TURNER

3

- 1 the bill's effective date would be used to replace current voting
- 2 machines with a voting system that provides a paper record of each
- 3 vote cast.