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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: 9/28/2018)
AN ACT concerning the use of certain federal fund allocations for
election technology purposes and amending P.L.2004, c.88.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. Section 3 of P.L.2004, c.88 (C.19:61-3) is amended to read
as follows:
3. There is hereby established in the Department of the
Treasury a special, nonlapsing fund to be known as the Federal
Elections Assistance Fund.
4. The fund is established in accordance with paragraph (b) of
section 254 of Pub.L.107-252, (42 U.S.C.15404) for the purpose of
receiving:
5. a. all moneys appropriated or otherwise made available by the
State for the purpose of carrying out the activities required by
Pub.L.107-252;
6. b. all payments which will be received from the federal
government pursuant to Pub.L.107-252;
7. c. interest earned on deposits made in the fund; and
8. d. such other additional amounts as may be appropriated under
federal or State law.
9. The State Treasurer is authorized to transfer into the fund in a
timely manner such State moneys as will be necessary to insure that
the State qualifies for the maximum amount of federal funds
appropriated to implement Pub.L.107-252.
10. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or
regulation to the contrary, at least half of federal funds appropriated
to the State in accordance with Pub.L.107-252 during the 15 years
following the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the
Legislature as this bill) shall be allocated by the State Treasurer for
the purpose of replacing voting machines with a voting system that
provides a paper record of each vote cast.
(cf: P.L.2004, c.88, s.3)
2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Under the federal “Help America Vote Act of 2002,” Pub.L.107-
252, also known as HAVA, the federal government allocated to the
State funding for modernizing various aspects of the elections
process. This bill provides that at least half of any future funds
allocated to the State under HAVA during the 15 years following
the bill’s effective date would be used to replace current voting
machines with a voting system that provides a paper record of each
vote cast.

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.