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H. CON. RES. 447

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the States should adopt uniform voting procedures to carry out the election of the President and Vice President.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 15, 2000

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas submitted the following concurrent resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the States should adopt uniform voting procedures to carry out the election of the President and Vice President.

Whereas despite Federal efforts to increase uniformity in voting procedures for elections for Federal office, there remains much variation in such procedures among the States;

Whereas a major goal of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (commonly known as the “Motor-Voter Act”) was the standardization of voter registration procedures for elections for Federal office to prevent voter fraud and provide an accurate list of eligible voters;

Whereas under the provisions of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, absent uniformed services

voters and overseas voters can vote by absentee ballot in elections for Federal office and, if a State does not provide an official State absentee ballot in response to a timely request, can write in the names of candidates on a Federal write-in absentee ballot;

Whereas in North Dakota and in some counties in Wisconsin, individuals may vote without registering;

Whereas individuals in Idaho, New Hampshire, Maine, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming may register to vote on the day of the election;

Whereas the duration of the residency requirement for voter registration varies from State to State from 1 to 30 days;

Whereas in 7 States disability or illness does not provide sufficient grounds for registering as an absentee voter, and in 4 States disability or illness does not provide sufficient grounds for voting as an absentee;

Whereas a few States allow any citizen who is out of the United States or the State to register as an absentee voter;

Whereas at least 7 different types of voting equipment are used to carry out Presidential elections throughout the United States, and the type of equipment used is determined on the county level; and

Whereas the opening time for polling places in Federal elections varies from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and the closing time for such polling places varies from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
- 3 States should adopt uniform procedures to carry out the

- 1 election of the President and Vice President, including
- 2 uniform procedures for voter registration, absentee voting,
- 3 early voting, and voting hours on the day of the election.

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