

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4140

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2005

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## 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 “Ensuring Ballot Access  
5       for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Victims Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO STATES FOR RESTORING AND REPLAC-**  
2 **ING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SUPPLIES,**  
3 **MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT DAMAGED BY**  
4 **HURRICANES KATRINA OR RITA.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—The Election  
6 Assistance Commission shall make a grant to each eligible  
7 State, in such amount as the Commission considers appro-  
8 priate, for purposes of restoring and replacing supplies,  
9 materials, and equipment used in the administration of  
10 elections in the State which were damaged as a result of  
11 Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, as determined on  
12 the basis of such criteria as the Commission may establish.

13 (b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—A State is eligible to receive a  
14 grant under this Act if it submits to the Commission (at  
15 such time and in such form as the Commission may re-  
16 quire) a certification that supplies, materials, and equip-  
17 ment used in the administration of elections in the State  
18 were damaged as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurri-  
19 cane Rita.

20 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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