

H.R. 3295 -- HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT
Timing of Activities based on October 29, 2002 Date of Enactment*

<i>Date stated or calculated</i>	<i>Activity/Deadline</i>
December 13, 2002 45 days after enactment	General Services Administration establishes grant program for payments to States to improve election administration and for payments to replace punch card of lever voting machines. (§ 101).
January 1, 2003	States must be ready to accept identification materials from individuals who register to vote by mail. (§ 303).
January 27, 2003	State chief election officials transmit notice to FEC Chair (and/or EAC) containing name of State election official and local election official to serve on voting systems standards board. (§ 213)
February 26, 2003 March 31, 2003	Appointment of 4 EAC Commissioners (§ 203) Last date on which States may submit certification to GSA for § 101 or § 102 payments.
June 30, 2003 October 1, 2003	2001-2002 NVRA report submitted to Congress EAC adopts recommendations and voluntary guidance on § 303 provisions on computerized statewide voter registration list requirements and mail registration requirements.
October 29, 2003 (12 months)	EAC submits Human Factors Report to President and Congress (§ 243) and submits report on Free Absentee Ballot postage to Congress (§ 246).
January 1, 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for States to qualify for waiver of computerized statewide voter registration databases. (§ 303). • Last date for States applying for waiver of deadline for replacement of punch card or lever voting machines using § 102 payments. • States not participating in grant programs shall certify to EAC that the State has established administrative complaint procedures or has submitted a compliance program to the Attorney General. (§ 402). • Effective date for § 302 provisional voting and voting information requirements. • States and local jurisdictions required to comply with § 303 requirements pertaining to computerized statewide voter registration lists (unless qualified for waiver) and first time voters who register by mail. • EAC adopts voluntary guidance recommendations relating to § 301 Voting System Standards requirements. • Effective date of new § 706 UOCAVA amendments prohibiting States from refusing to accept registration and absentee ballot applications on grounds of early submission.
January 31, 2004	EAC submits first annual report to Congress. (§ 207).
March 29, 2004 (18 months)	EAC in conjunction with FVAP submits to President and Congress report and recommendations for facilitating military and overseas voting (§ 242).
May 29, 2004 (20 months)	EAC in conjunction with FVAP submits to Congress report on issues and challenges presented by incorporating communication and Internet technology into the election process. (§ 245).
November 2, 2004	All punch card and lever machines replaced in States accepting § 102 payments unless qualified for waiver.

* (Table based on information supplied by the FEC)

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March 31, 2005	EAC submits 2003-2004 NVRA report to Congress.
June 1, 2005	Each state and local jurisdiction required to comply with voting system requirements in § 301. EAC submits report to President and Congress on voters who register by mail (§ 244).
January 1, 2006	EAC (in conjunction with SSA) reports to Congress on the feasibility and advisability of using SSN or other such information to establish registration or other election eligibility and ID requirements (§ 244).
June 30, 2005	EAC submits 2003-2004 NVRA report to Congress.
January 1, 2006	Each State and local jurisdiction required to comply with the voting systems requirements in § 301. Deadline for States to implement computerized statewide voter registration database, if qualified for waiver. (§ 303).
First election for federal office after Jan. 1, 2006	All punch card and lever voting machines replaced in States accepting § 102 payments who qualified for waiver of original deadline.
January 1, 2007	Voting systems purchased with Title II requirements payments must meet disability access standards in § 201.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CANTIGNY CONFERENCE
 FOCUSES ON EMERGING ISSUES IN ELECTION REFORM**

Kay Maxwell, League of Women Voters President, brought together in a lively conference state and local election officials, citizen organizations, leading academics, policy analysts, journalists, and other interested persons to interact with colleagues and explore emerging election issues in the wake of the new election reform law. The conference, organized by the League of Women Voters Educational Fund, and sponsored by the McCormick Tribune Foundation as part of its Cantigny Conference Series, was held November 20-22 at the Cantigny Estate in Wheaton, Ill. Cantigny conferences are deliberately kept small to facilitate greater opportunities of exchanges of opinion.

Participants analyzed the new federal election legislation and exchanged views on expectations of developments in the coming year. Other sessions concerned citizens' views on elections, election problems not dealt with by the reform law, and institutional implications of the new electoral responsibilities. The most technical session addressed interplay and improvements of understanding between voters and pollworkers. A final panel identified types of reform that may be considered in the not-so-distant future.

Four congressional staff members who played major roles in drafting the congressional conference report on H.R. 3295, Chet Kalis and Keith Abouchar, House Administration Committee, and Kennie Gill and Brian Lewis, Senate Rules Committee, set the stage for much of the exchange of ideas that followed. Other participants from the federal