



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 20, 2009

H.R. 3489

A bill to amend the Help American Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit state election officials from accepting a challenge to an individual's eligibility to register to vote in an election for federal office or to vote in an election in a jurisdiction which is subject to foreclosure proceeding or that the jurisdiction was adversely affected by a hurricane or other major disaster, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the Committee on House Administration on November 4, 2009

H.R. 3489 would prohibit state election officials, beginning in November 2010, from challenging voters' eligibility to participate in federal elections on the grounds that they reside in a property that is subject to foreclosure proceedings or is located in an area damaged by a hurricane or other major disaster. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3489 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

CBO has not reviewed H.R. 3489 for intergovernmental or private-sector mandates. Section 4 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act excludes from the application of that act any legislative provisions that would enforce the constitutional rights of individuals. CBO has determined the legislation falls within that exclusion because it would protect the voting rights of individuals.

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