

House Resolution 434 (AM)

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Strongly urging the United States Congress to recognize the need for election reform based
- 2 on the events that took place across the country on November 7, 2000, and the need for
- 3 appropriate funding to assist in creating a system that is fair and accurate in its outcomes; and
- 4 for other purposes.
- 5 WHEREAS, the problems exposed in other state elections are likely present not only in
- 6 Georgia, but also to varying degrees in nearly all of the 3,067 counties in the nation; and
- 7 WHEREAS, recent national public opinion polls show that a majority of respondents said
- 8 that elections require "fundamental changes" or should be "completely rebuilt," and further
- 9 supported a "complete overhaul" or "major reforms" to the election system; and
- 10 WHEREAS, many Americans cast our votes like their grandparents did a half century ago;
- 11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, funding, acquisition, and maintenance of voting equipment has traditionally
- 13 been strictly the responsibility of counties; and
- 14 WHEREAS, for decades there has been an inadequate investment in new, state-of-the-art
- 15 voting and tabulating technologies as local governments placed greater budgetary emphasis
- 16 on education, transportation, criminal justice, and other needs deemed more critical than the
- 17 equipment and infrastructure needed for elections; and
- 18 WHEREAS, nothing is more important to the health of our democratic institutions than
- 19 ensuring that elections are fair to all, free of fraud, and accurate in their outcomes; and
- 20 WHEREAS, there is a compelling national interest to ensure that all Americans have an
- 21 equal opportunity to have their votes accurately counted.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body urges the United States Congress to act on behalf of voters and enact legislation
3 that would provide substantial funding and assistance to states to better enable state and local
4 election officials to make the investments needed to modernize election systems nationwide
5 and to implement improvements that will ensure all Americans that their votes are counted
6 accurately and that voting systems are easy to use, convenient, free of fraud, and accessible.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to each member of Congress
9 from the State of Georgia, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives and the President of the United States of America.