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# H. R. 634

To terminate the Election Assistance Commission.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HARPER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

To terminate the Election Assistance Commission.

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 “Election Assistance  
5       Commission Termination Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMIS-**  
7               **SION.**

8       (a) **TERMINATION.**—The Help America Vote Act of  
9       2002 (52 U.S.C. 20901 et seq.) is amended by adding at  
10      the end the following new title:

1       **“TITLE X—TERMINATION OF**  
2                   **COMMISSION**

3   **“SEC. 1001. TERMINATION.**

4       “Effective on the Commission termination date, the  
5 Commission (including the Election Assistance Commis-  
6 sion Standards Board and the Election Assistance Com-  
7 mission Board of Advisors under part 2 of subtitle A of  
8 title II) is terminated and may not carry out any programs  
9 or activities.

10   **“SEC. 1002. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET TO**  
11                   **PERFORM TRANSITION FUNCTIONS.**

12       “Except as provided in section 1004, the Director of  
13 the Office of Management and Budget shall, effective  
14 upon the Commission termination date—

15           “(1) perform the functions of the Commission  
16 with respect to contracts and agreements described  
17 in subsection 1003(a) until the expiration of such  
18 contracts and agreements, but shall not renew any  
19 such contract or agreement; and

20           “(2) take the necessary steps to wind up the af-  
21 fairs of the Commission.

22   **“SEC. 1003. SAVINGS PROVISIONS.**

23       “(a) PRIOR CONTRACTS.—The termination of the  
24 Commission under this title shall not affect any contract  
25 that has been entered into by the Commission before the

1 Commission termination date. All such contracts shall  
2 continue in effect until modified, superseded, terminated,  
3 set aside, or revoked in accordance with law by an author-  
4 ized Federal official, a court of competent jurisdiction, or  
5 operation of law.

6 “(b) OBLIGATIONS OF RECIPIENTS OF PAYMENTS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The termination of the  
8 Commission under this title shall not affect the au-  
9 thority of any recipient of a payment made by the  
10 Commission under this Act prior to the Commission  
11 termination date to use any portion of the payment  
12 that remains unobligated as of the Commission ter-  
13 mination date, and the terms and conditions that  
14 applied to the use of the payment at the time the  
15 payment was made shall continue to apply.

16 “(2) SPECIAL RULE FOR STATES RECEIVING  
17 REQUIREMENTS PAYMENTS.—In the case of a re-  
18 quirements payment made to a State under part 1  
19 of subtitle D of title II, the terms and conditions ap-  
20 plicable to the use of the payment for purposes of  
21 the State’s obligations under this subsection (as well  
22 as any obligations in effect prior to the termination  
23 of the Commission under this subtitle), and for pur-  
24 poses of any applicable requirements imposed by  
25 regulations promulgated by the Director of the Of-

1        fice of Management and Budget, shall be the general  
2        terms and conditions applicable under Federal law,  
3        rules, and regulations to payments made by the Fed-  
4        eral Government to a State, except that to the ex-  
5        tent that such general terms and conditions are in-  
6        consistent with the terms and conditions that are  
7        specified under part 1 of subtitle D of title II or sec-  
8        tion 902, the terms and conditions specified under  
9        such part and such section shall apply.

10       “(c) PENDING PROCEEDINGS.—

11           “(1) NO EFFECT ON PENDING PROCEEDINGS.—  
12        The termination of the Commission under this title  
13        shall not affect any proceeding to which the Com-  
14        mission is a party that is pending on the Commis-  
15        sion termination date, including any suit to which  
16        the Commission is a party that is commenced prior  
17        to such date, and the Director of the Office of Man-  
18        agement and Budget shall be substituted or added  
19        as a party to the proceeding.

20           “(2) TREATMENT OF ORDERS.—In the case of  
21        a proceeding described in paragraph (1), an order  
22        may be issued, an appeal may be taken, judgments  
23        may be rendered, and payments may be made as if  
24        the Commission had not been terminated. Any such  
25        order shall continue in effect until modified, termi-

1 nated, superseded, or revoked by an authorized Fed-  
2 eral official, a court of competent jurisdiction, or op-  
3 eration of law.

4 “(3) CONSTRUCTION RELATING TO DIS-  
5 CONTINUANCE OR MODIFICATION.—Nothing in this  
6 subsection shall be deemed to prohibit the dis-  
7 continuance or modification of any proceeding de-  
8 scribed in paragraph (1) under the same terms and  
9 conditions and to the same extent that such pro-  
10 ceeding could have been discontinued or modified if  
11 the Commission had not been terminated.

12 “(4) REGULATIONS FOR TRANSFER OF PRO-  
13 CEEDINGS.—The Director of the Office of Manage-  
14 ment and Budget may issue regulations providing  
15 for the orderly transfer of proceedings described in  
16 paragraph (1).

17 “(d) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Orders and actions of the  
18 Director of the Office of Management and Budget in the  
19 exercise of functions of the Commission under section  
20 1002 shall be subject to judicial review to the same extent  
21 and in the same manner as if such orders and actions had  
22 been issued or taken by the Commission. Any require-  
23 ments relating to notice, hearings, action upon the record,  
24 or administrative review that apply to any function of the

1 Commission shall apply to the exercise of such function  
2 by the Director.

3 **“SEC. 1004. RETURN TO FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
4 **OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN**  
5 **FUNCTIONS UNDER NATIONAL VOTER REG-**  
6 **ISTRATION ACT OF 1993.**

7 “Effective on the Commission termination date, there  
8 are transferred to the Federal Election Commission any  
9 functions transferred to the Election Assistance Commis-  
10 sion under section 802 (relating to functions described in  
11 section 9(a) of the National Voter Registration Act of  
12 1993).

13 **“SEC. 1005. COMMISSION TERMINATION DATE.**

14 “The ‘Commission termination date’ is the first date  
15 following the expiration of the 60-day period that begins  
16 on the date of the enactment of this title.”.

17 (b) **TERMINATION OF TECHNICAL GUIDELINES DE-**  
18 **VELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**—Section 221 of such Act (52  
19 U.S.C. 20961) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
20 lowing new subsection:

21 “(g) **TERMINATION.**—Effective on the Commission  
22 termination date described in section 1005, the Develop-  
23 ment Committee is terminated.”.

24 (c) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents  
25 of such Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

“TITLE X—TERMINATION OF COMMISSION

“Sec. 1001. Termination.

“Sec. 1002. Office of Management and Budget to perform transition functions.

“Sec. 1003. Savings provisions.

“Sec. 1004. Return to Federal Election Commission of authority to carry out certain functions under National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

“Sec. 1005. Commission termination date.”.

**1 SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO RETURN**  
**2 OF CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO FEDERAL ELEC-**  
**3 TION COMMISSION.**

**4 (a) FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT OF 1971.—**  
**5 Section 311(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of**  
**6 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30111(a)) is amended—**

**7 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph**  
**8 (8);**

**9 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-**  
**10 graph (9) and inserting a semicolon; and**

**11 (3) by adding at the end the following new**  
**12 paragraph:**

**13 “(10) carry out the duties described in section**  
**14 9(a) of the National Voter Registration Act of**  
**15 1993.”.**

**16 (b) NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF**  
**17 1993.—Section 9(a) of the National Voter Registration**  
**18 Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20508(a)) is amended by striking**  
**19 “Election Assistance Commission” and inserting “Federal**  
**20 Election Commission”.**

**21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by**  
**22 this section shall take effect on the Commission termi-**

- 1 nation date described in section 1005 of the Help America
- 2 Vote Act of 2002 (as added by section 2(a)).

