

1 HB424
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, there is no procedure
9 for a person to register to vote via the Internet.

10 This bill would provide that a person may
11 register to vote through a secure Internet site
12 implemented and maintained by the Secretary of
13 State.

14 This bill would authorize the Secretary of
15 State to use federal Help America Vote Act funds to
16 implement and maintain secure Internet voting
17 registration to the extent that such use is
18 authorized under federal laws, rules, regulations,
19 and guidelines.

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21 A BILL

22 TO BE ENTITLED

23 AN ACT

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25 To provide that a person may register to vote
26 through a secure Internet site implemented and maintained by
27 the Secretary of State; and to authorize the Secretary of

1 State to use federal Help America Vote Act funds to implement
2 and maintain secure Internet voting registration to the extent
3 that such use is authorized under federal laws, rules,
4 regulations, and guidelines.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other laws to
7 the contrary, the Secretary of State shall make the state
8 voter registration application available on the Internet
9 through a secure Internet site implemented and maintained by
10 the Secretary of State for any person who is qualified to
11 register to vote.

12 (2) The completed on-line voter registration
13 application shall include the digitized or electronic
14 signature of the applicant and permanently kept by the
15 Secretary of State.

16 (3) The on-line registration system shall be
17 designed to ensure that neither the application nor the
18 signature, once captured, can be edited.

19 (b) The Secretary of State, in consultation with the
20 county commissions, judges of probate, boards of registrars,
21 and municipal clerks, shall promulgate pursuant to the
22 Administrative Procedure Act any rules necessary to carry out
23 the purposes of this act.

24 (c) The Secretary of State shall use federal Help
25 America Vote Act funds to implement and maintain secure
26 Internet voting registration to the extent that the use is

1 authorized under federal laws, rules, regulations, and
2 guidelines.

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
4 first day of the third month following its passage and
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.