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# H. R. 5776

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 2006

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

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## A BILL

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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 “Voter Bounty Reg-  
5       istration Act of 2006”.

6       **SEC. 2. STANDARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF VOTER REG-**  
7       **ISTRATION APPLICATION FORMS.**

8       (a) STANDARDS DESCRIBED.—Subtitle A of title III  
9       of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15481

1 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 303 the fol-  
2 lowing new section:

3 **“SEC. 303A. STANDARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF VOTER**  
4 **REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORMS.**

5 “(a) STANDARDS DESCRIBED.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual may not dis-  
7 tribute a voter registration application form for elec-  
8 tions for Federal office held in a State if the indi-  
9 vidual—

10 “(A) is not registered to vote in elections  
11 for Federal office held in the State;

12 “(B) has been convicted of a felony under  
13 any State or Federal law;

14 “(C) does not sign and print legibly the in-  
15 dividual’s name on the form; or

16 “(D) does not provide identifying informa-  
17 tion (including the individual’s name, address,  
18 and other appropriate contact information, in-  
19 cluding the name and address of any organiza-  
20 tion which pays the individual directly or indi-  
21 rectly to distribute such forms) to the election  
22 official to whom the form will be submitted  
23 upon completion by the applicant.

24 “(2) EXCEPTION FOR UNPAID DISTRIBUTIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not apply with respect  
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1 to the distribution of a voter registration application  
2 form by an individual who is not compensated di-  
3 rectly or indirectly for the distribution of the form.

4 “(b) PENALTIES.—

5 “(1) DISTRIBUTION OF FORMS BY INDIVIDUALS  
6 NOT MEETING STANDARDS.—Any individual who dis-  
7 tributes a voter registration application form for  
8 elections for Federal office in a State in violation of  
9 subsection (a) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and  
10 fined in accordance with title 18, United States  
11 Code.

12 “(2) EMPLOYMENT OF INELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL  
13 TO DISTRIBUTE FORMS.—Any person who employs  
14 an individual to distribute voter registration applica-  
15 tion forms for elections for Federal office in a State  
16 and who knows, or should reasonably be expected to  
17 know, that the individual does not meet the stand-  
18 ards described in subsection (a) shall be guilty of a  
19 misdemeanor and fined in accordance with title 18,  
20 United States Code.

21 “(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply  
22 with respect to voter registration application forms distrib-  
23 uted on or after the expiration of the 30-day period which  
24 begins on the date of the enactment of the Voter Bounty  
25 Registration Act of 2006.”.

1           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
2 of such Act is amended by inserting after the item relating  
3 to section 303 the following:

“Sec. 303A. Standards for distribution of voter registration application  
forms.”.

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