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Bill Summary

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Overview

The bill creates an account to receive federal funds appropriated to the state under the Help America Vote Act. Funds can be used for a variety of election purposes, including training election officials, educating voters, and buying voting systems. The bill also appropriates state funds needed to qualify for the federal match.

Section

1 Voting integrity and voter access account.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Creates a voting integrity and voter access account in the state treasury. Requires federal funds received under P.L. 107-252 to be deposited in the account. Requires crediting to this account: state funds appropriated to satisfy the federal match requirement.

Subd. 2. Appropriation. Continuously appropriates to the secretary of state money in the account to be used for election administration purposes that are consistent with P.L. 107-252 and the state plan certified by the governor pursuant to that act. Allows money to carry over from one fiscal year to another.

Subd. 3. Account purposes. Requires money in the account to be used to satisfy the maintenance of effort requirements of P.L. 107-252 (at least the level of expenditures the state made in FY 2000).

2 Effective date. Section 1 is effective retroactively to the full extent permitted by P.L. 107-252.