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Overview

The bill permits the secretary of state to reallocate certain funds to different uses within the Help America Vote Act account, upon notice to the commissioner of finance and certain legislative leaders.

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1 Allocation Transfer Authority. Permits the secretary of state, after providing written notice to the commissioner of finance and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the budget of the secretary of state, to transfer certain unused balances in the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) account to other HAVA purposes. The provision applies only to the allocations made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

The secretary may only transfer funds initially directed toward: a) assisting local election officials in the use of the statewide voter registration system, b) administering the implementation of HAVA and auditing HAVA grants to counties and municipalities, c) processing complaints, d) establishing state voting systems contracts, e) training local election officials on the use, maintenance, and implementation of new electronic voting systems, or f) educating voters on how to use new electronic voting systems.

Funds transferred from any of the above uses may only be re-directed toward: a) maintaining the statewide voter registration system and to develop capacity to handle registration and election transactions at polling places, b) verification of voter registration

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data, or c) making the statewide voter registration system available for use by local election officials.