

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To improve the bill.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 1st Sess.

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To expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and implement other anti-corruption measures for the purpose of fortifying our democracy, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Mrs. HYDE-SMITH

Viz:

1 On page 255, line 15, strike "Title III" and insert
2 the following:

3 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following
4 findings:

5 (A) The Supreme Court of the United
6 States, in its 6-3 decision in *Crawford v. Mar-*
7 *ion County Election Board*, 553 U.S. 181
8 (2008), held that requiring voters to provide
9 photographic identification does not violate the
10 Constitution of the United States. Justice Ste-
11 vens found that such requirements are justified

1 by States' legitimate interests in "detering and
2 detecting voter fraud", modernizing elections in
3 response to the enactment of the National voter
4 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et
5 seq.) and the Help America Vote Act (52
6 U.S.C. 20901), and "safeguarding voter con-
7 fidence". Furthermore, Justice Stevens found
8 such laws are nondiscriminatory.

9 (B) Public opinion polling indicates that
10 requiring identification in order to vote is wide-
11 ly popular among the American people. Accord-
12 ing to Associated Press polling, nearly three-
13 quarters of all Americans – including majorities
14 of both major political parties – support voter
15 identification laws.

16 (2) STATEMENT.—Title III

17 On page 258, strike lines 1 through 7 and insert the
18 following:

19 "(b) TREATMENT AS PROVISIONAL BALLOT.—A bal-
20 lot cast by a person meeting voter identification require-
21 ments through the method described in subsection
22 (a)(1)(A) shall be treated as a provisional ballot.