

**DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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Donna Doyle:

Most provisions of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252), including voter identification requirements, that are implemented by this bill, are initially applicable on January 1, 2004. This means, in effect, that they are initially applicable at the 2004 spring primary to be held on February 17, 2004. [See, in particular, SECTION 151 (2) of this bill, which relates to the voter identification requirement.] If this bill is not enacted before January 1, 2004, it could be difficult or disruptive to implement these mandates at that primary. Therefore, it may be advisable to amend the bill so that a later date is specified. However, if the federal mandates are not implemented at the time required by federal law, it is possible that litigation will result or that federal aids for which this state would otherwise be eligible will not be received. If you need any further information regarding this issue, please let me know.

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