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Sale of Voter Registration Lists (Government Accountability Board)

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CURRENT LAW

The Government Accountability Board materials and services PR appropriation provides for the receipts of all moneys received by the Board from collections for sales of publications and copies of records. The prior practice of the Board was to deposit receipts from the sales of voter registration lists to this appropriation.

On October 29, 2002, the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) was signed into law. The federal legislation establishes a series of mandates applicable to the states, including: (a) creation of an official, centralized, computerized statewide voter registration list system; and (b) requirements that all polling stations be equipped with voting systems accessible to individuals with disabilities, including non-visual accessibility for the blind and visually impaired. The Act also included substantial grant funding. The federal government required the creation of an election administration fund by each state to which and from which the HAVA funding and any associated state match funding would be deposited to and expended from.

GOVERNOR

Reduce expenditure authority to the Board's PR annual material and services appropriation by \$77,900 PR annually to reflect federal requirements that revenue associated with the sale of voter registration lists must be deposited to the state's election administration fund created under the auspices of the federal HAVA act.

MODIFICATION

Amend the Board's PR annual material and services appropriation to provide that receipts from the sale of voter registration lists are not deposited to this appropriation. In addition, amend the definition of what constitutes the election administration fund to include revenue from the

sale of voter registration lists.

Explanation: Current law does not provide for the deposit of receipts from the sale of voter registration lists to the election administration fund, which is now required by the federal government. These modifications would permit the state to comply with federal requirements that these receipts be deposited to the election administration fund.

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