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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 2007

Mr. PEARCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Voter Bounty Registration Act of 2007”.

SEC. 2. STANDARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORMS.

(a) STANDARDS DESCRIBED.—Subtitle A of title III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15481
et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 303 the follow-

owing new section:

``SEC. 303A. STANDARDS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORMS.

“(a) STANDARDS DESCRIBED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual may not dis-

tribute a voter registration application form for elec-
tions for Federal office held in a State if the indi-

vidual—

“(A) is not registered to vote in elections for Federal office held in the State;

“(B) has been convicted of a felony under any State or Federal law;

“(C) does not sign and print legibly the indi-

vidual’s name on the form; or

“(D) does not provide identifying informa-

tion (including the individual's name, address, and other appropriate contact information, in-

cluding the name and address of any organization which pays the individual directly or indi-

rectly to distribute such forms) to the election official to whom the form will be submitted upon completion by the applicant.

“(2) EXCEPTION FOR UNPAID DISTRIBUTIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not apply with respect
to the distribution of a voter registration application form by an individual who is not compensated directly or indirectly for the distribution of the form.

“(b) Penalties.—

“(1) Distribution of forms by individuals not meeting standards.—Any individual who distributes a voter registration application form for elections for Federal office in a State in violation of subsection (a) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined in accordance with title 18, United States Code.

“(2) Employment of ineligible individual to distribute forms.—Any person who employs an individual to distribute voter registration application forms for elections for Federal office in a State and who knows, or should reasonably be expected to know, that the individual does not meet the standards described in subsection (a) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined in accordance with title 18, United States Code.

“(c) Effective Date.—This section shall apply with respect to voter registration application forms distributed on or after the expiration of the 30-day period which begins on the date of the enactment of the Voter Bounty Hunter Registration Act of 2007.”.
(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of such Act is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 303 the following:

"Sec. 303A. Standards for distribution of voter registration application forms."