

Fundamental Requirements of HR 811 (as amended by Committee on House Administration) –

- A durable voter-verified paper ballot must be used or produced for every vote cast
- Accessible verification of the paper ballot must be provided
- All paper-based systems (including thermal reel-to-reel systems and accessible systems that used or produced a paper ballot) used in 2006 can be used until 2010; *only* systems that used no paper ballots at all must be replaced or upgraded by November 2008.
- \$1 billion in funding is authorized for system replacement and upgrading
- Paper ballot is vote of record in all recounts and audits, as a check on electronic tallies
- Routine random audits by hand count in 3% of the precincts in all Federal elections, and 5% or 10% in very close races (but races decided by 80% or more need not be audited)
- \$100 million each fiscal year is authorized to fund the audits
- Ban on the use of wireless devices and uncertified or undisclosed software
- Arms-length relationship between test labs and vendors is established, through EAC intermediary which receives test fees, appoints test labs, and publishes test results