

Amendment to SB 70-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 AN ACT relative to the establishment of an election information portal and relative to the
4 purchase of election equipment.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 2 with the following:

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8 3 Election Fund; Grants for Cities and Towns. Amend RSA 5:6-d, III to read as follows:

9 III. The secretary of state is authorized to accept, budget, and, subject to the limitations of
10 this paragraph, expend monies in the election fund received from any party for the purposes of
11 conducting elections, voter and election official education, the purchase or lease of equipment that
12 complies with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, or with RSA 659:13, V,
13 reimbursing the department of safety for the actual cost of voter identification cards, election law
14 enforcement, enhancing election technology, making election security improvements, and
15 improvements to related information technology, including acquisition and operation of an
16 automated election management system. ~~[With the exception of federal and state portions of funds~~
17 ~~associated with the 2018 Election Reform Program, the secretary of state shall not expend any~~
18 ~~monies in the election fund unless the balance in the fund following such expenditures shall be at~~
19 ~~least 12 times the estimated annual cost of maintaining the programs established to comply with the~~
20 ~~Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252.]~~ ***The secretary of state shall establish a***
21 ***grant system for cities and towns to access monies from Help America Vote Act of 2002,***
22 ***Public Law 107-252 grants for the use of improving election security and technology. The***
23 ***grants shall be used for technology including ballot counting devices, electronic poll books,***
24 ***and secure laptops to be used to access ElectionNet.***

25 4 Help America Vote Act Funding. Any expenditures made for the purpose of establishing the
26 election portal in section 2 of this act or the establishment of the grant system required by section 3
27 of this act shall be paid for with funding from the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-
28 252.

29 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the secretary of state to establish an election information portal.

This bill also allows grants to be given to cities and towns for the purchase of election equipment.