



UNIFORM STATE ACE ACT

Safe Election Practices Toolkit

UNIFORM STATE AMERICAN CONFIDENCE IN ELECTIONS ACT *Model State Election Integrity Legislation*

Uniform State ACE Act: A Model for Strengthening Election Integrity

The Uniform State American Confidence in Elections (ACE) Act serves as model state legislation designed to enhance voter confidence and election integrity. The Uniform State ACE Act includes over ten crucial election integrity measures, mirroring those proposed for elections within Washington, D.C. in the federal American Confidence in Elections Act. The Uniform State ACE Act is a toolkit, not a directive, that offers states a robust starting point for developing and refining their election reforms.

The Uniform State ACE Act underscores our commitment to a collaborative approach in strengthening election integrity. Recognizing that election administration is primarily a state responsibility, the Uniform State ACE Act complements the federal efforts exemplified by the federal American Confidence in Elections Act. The goal is not to impose federal solutions, but to provide states with the tools they need to enhance their own election systems based on work already completed. This approach acknowledges the diversity of state-specific challenges and opportunities, ensuring that reforms are tailored and effective at the local level while still aligning with national objectives for election integrity.

A Collaborative Approach to Election Integrity

Some of the included provisions require a change in federal law for them to be fully implemented. In these cases, H.R. 4563, American Confidence in Elections Act, as introduced by Chairman Bryan Steil (WI-01) serves as a partner bill that would remove federal statutory and regulatory impediments to these smart reforms. The Uniform State ACE Act recognizes the unique challenges faced by states in administering elections, reflecting insights from committee members like former Florida Secretary of State and current Elections Subcommittee Chair Laurel Lee (FL-15).

Empowering States, Not Mandating

The federal role is minimal yet supportive. The Uniform State ACE Act is a resource that respects state autonomy. It is not federal legislation that serves as a one-size-fits-all takeover of elections. This model state legislation provides a practical framework, drawing upon successful election integrity measures implemented in various states. Legislators, regardless of their state's political leaning, can use this model legislation as a foundation for introducing election integrity measures such as the implementation of photo voter identification and a ban on noncitizen voting.

Conclusion

The Uniform State ACE Act represents a commitment to empowering states, enhancing election integrity, and building voter confidence across America. This adaptable toolkit is not an exhaustive election code but is model state legislation that provides a flexible foundation to improve election practices and reinforce the integrity of electoral processes at the state level.

Should you have questions about any of these model provisions, or how the Committee on House Administration can support your efforts in promoting well-reasoned election reform, please contact the Committee at (202) 225-8281.