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TITLE 2, SECTION 251

[Note: The State of North Dakota is exempt from voter registration and provisional voting.]

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(b) USE OF FUNDS.-

- (1) IN GENERAL.- Except as provided in paragraph (2), a State receiving a requirements payment shall use the payment only to meet the requirements of Title III.
- (2) OTHER ACTIVITIES.- A State may use a requirements payment to carry out other activities to improve the administration of elections for Federal office if the State certifies to the Commission that -
 - (A) The State has implemented the requirements of Title III; or
 - (B) The amount expended with respect to such other activities does not exceed an amount equal to the minimum payment amount applicable to the State under section 252(c).

The requirements of Title III include:

- Equipment that meets voting systems standards;
- Provisional voting; *
- Voting information;
- Statewide voter registration list; *
- Voters who register by mail. *

* In its use of Title II, Section 251 funds for Title III purposes, North Dakota is exempt from the requirements for voter registration and provisional voting.

RELATED EXPENDITURES: \$0.00

** All other expenditures for new voting equipment and voting information have, to date, been made under Title I, Section 101.*

Voting System Upgrades

Under the direction of its State Planning Committee and through research and direct involvement of representatives of the state's disabilities community and local election officials, the State of North Dakota entered into a contract for a new voting system. This voting system provides both second chance voting and independent and private voting for persons with disabilities in every polling place in the state. The contracted vendor is Election Systems and Software, Inc. (ES&S). The following units were delivered to and implemented in each of the state's 53 counties during 2004 and 2005:

Model 100 Optical Scanner	588
AutoMARK Ballot Marking Device	586*

**The difference in units is based on per county back-up unit purchase decisions.*

No Title II expenditures were made during the 2005 federal fiscal year.