

1 **FINANCE, PENSIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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3 **Resolution Supporting the Reauthorization of the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act**

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5 **Issue:** Tax protections of incentives for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services (EMS)
6 personnel expired in 2010 and must be reauthorized.

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8 **Adopted Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to reauthorize the
9 Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (VRIPA), which would waive federal income taxes on
10 nominal recruitment and retention incentives provided by local jurisdictions to volunteer firefighters and
11 EMS personnel.

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15 **Resolution Supporting the U.S. Election Assistance Commission**

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17 **Issue:** H.R. 634 has been proposed to terminate the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, which
18 provides assistance to state and local jurisdictions with the administration of federal election laws and
19 programs. The legislation would transfer certain functions of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC)
20 to the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

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22 **Adopted Policy:** NACo opposes the termination of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. NACo
23 recognizes the importance of rigorous testing of voting equipment and appreciates the efficiencies and
24 cost savings of voluntary federal certification. NACo appreciates the important role that the EAC plays in
25 coordinating collaborative efforts among local, state and federal government officials in addressing issues
26 from the accessibility of polling places to the cybersecurity of voting equipment and voter registration
27 databases.

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29 NACo urges the Department of Homeland Security, in light of its recent designation of election systems
30 as critical infrastructure, to work in partnership with the EAC and its trusted and supportive relationships
31 with election officials rather than creating new and duplicative programs to impose federal policy.

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