

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 8281
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Freedom to Vote Act”.

3 SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

4 The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

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1 **TITLE I—ELECTION MODERNIZA-**
2 **TION AND ADMINISTRATION**

3 **SEC. 1000. SHORT TITLE; STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This title may be cited as the
5 “Voter Empowerment Act of 2024”.

6 (b) **STATEMENT OF POLICY.**—It is the policy of the
7 United States that—

8 (1) the ability of all eligible citizens of the
9 United States to access and exercise their constitu-
10 tional right to vote in a free, fair, and timely manner
11 must be vigilantly enhanced, protected, and main-
12 tained; and

13 (2) the integrity, security, and accountability of
14 the voting process must be vigilantly protected,
15 maintained, and enhanced in order to protect and
16 preserve electoral and participatory democracy in the
17 United States.

1 **Subtitle A—Voter Registration**
2 **Modernization**

3 **SEC. 1000A. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This subtitle may be cited as the “Voter Registration
5. Modernization Act of 2024”.

6 **PART 1—AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION**

7 **SEC. 1001. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

8 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This part may be cited as the
9 “Automatic Voter Registration Act of 2024”.

10 (b) **FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**—

11 (1) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds that—

12 (A) the right to vote is a fundamental
13 right of citizens of the United States;

14 (B) it is the responsibility of the State and
15 Federal governments to ensure that every eligi-
16 ble citizen is registered to vote;

17 (C) existing voter registration systems can
18 be inaccurate, costly, inaccessible and con-
19 fusing, with damaging effects on voter partici-
20 pation in elections for Federal office and dis-
21 proportionate impacts on young people, persons
22 with disabilities, and racial and ethnic minori-
23 ties; and

1 (D) voter registration systems must be up-
2 dated with 21st century technologies and proce-
3 dures to maintain their security.

4 (2) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this part—

5 (A) to establish that it is the responsibility
6 of government to ensure that all eligible citizens
7 are registered to vote in elections for Federal
8 office;

9 (B) to enable the State governments to
10 register all eligible citizens to vote with accu-
11 rate, cost-efficient, and up-to-date procedures;

12 (C) to modernize voter registration and list
13 maintenance procedures with electronic and
14 internet capabilities; and

15 (D) to protect and enhance the integrity,
16 accuracy, efficiency, and accessibility of the
17 electoral process for all eligible citizens.

18 **SEC. 1002. AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION OF ELIGIBLE INDI-**
19 **VIDUALS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Voter Registration
21 Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20504) is amended by inserting
22 after section 5 the following new section:

23 **“SEC. 5A. AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION BY STATE MOTOR VE-**
24 **HICLE AUTHORITY.**

25 **“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—**

1 “(1) APPLICABLE AGENCY.—The term ‘applica-
2 ble agency’ means, with respect to a State, the State
3 motor vehicle authority responsible for motor vehicle
4 driver’s licenses under State law.

5 “(2) APPLICABLE TRANSACTION.—The term
6 ‘applicable transaction’ means—

7 “(A) an application to an applicable agency
8 for a motor vehicle driver’s license; and

9 “(B) any other service or assistance (in-
10 cluding for a change of address) provided by an
11 applicable agency.

12 “(3) AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION.—The term
13 ‘automatic registration’ means a system that reg-
14 isters an individual to vote and updates existing reg-
15 istrations, in elections for Federal office in a State,
16 if eligible, by electronically transferring the informa-
17 tion necessary for registration from the applicable
18 agency to election officials of the State so that, un-
19 less the individual affirmatively declines to be reg-
20 istered or to update any voter registration, the indi-
21 vidual will be registered to vote in such elections.

22 “(4) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible
23 individual’ means, with respect to an election for
24 Federal office, an individual who is otherwise quali-
25 fied to vote in that election.

1 “(5) REGISTER TO VOTE.—The term ‘register
2 to vote’ includes updating an individual’s existing
3 voter registration.

4 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The chief State election of-
6 ficial of each State shall establish and operate a sys-
7 tem of automatic registration for the registration of
8 eligible individuals to vote for elections for Federal
9 office in the State, in accordance with the provisions
10 of this section.

11 “(2) REGISTRATION OF VOTERS BASED ON NEW
12 AGENCY RECORDS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The chief State elec-
14 tion official shall—

15 “(i) subject to subparagraph (B), en-
16 sure that each eligible individual who com-
17 pletes an applicable transaction and does
18 not decline to register to vote is registered
19 to vote—

20 “(I) in the next upcoming elec-
21 tion for Federal office (and subse-
22 quent elections for Federal office), if
23 an applicable agency transmits infor-
24 mation under subsection (c)(1)(E)

1 with respect to the individual not later
2 than the applicable date; and

3 “(II) in subsequent elections for
4 Federal office, if an applicable agency
5 transmits such information with re-
6 spect to such individual after the ap-
7 plicable date; and

8 “(ii) not later than 60 days after the
9 receipt of such information with respect to
10 an individual, send written notice to the in-
11 dividual, in addition to other means of no-
12 tice established by this section, of the indi-
13 vidual’s voter registration status.

14 “(B) APPLICABLE DATE.—For purposes of
15 this subsection, the term ‘applicable date’
16 means, with respect to any election for Federal
17 office, the later of—

18 “(i) the date that is 28 days before
19 the date of the election; or

20 “(ii) the last day of the period pro-
21 vided by State law for registration with re-
22 spect to such election.

23 “(C) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in this
24 subsection shall prevent the chief State election
25 official from registering an eligible individual to

1 vote for the next upcoming election for Federal
2 office in the State even if an applicable agency
3 transmits information under subsection
4 (c)(1)(E) with respect to the individual after
5 the applicable date.

6 “(3) TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS UNDER 18
7 YEARS OF AGE.—A State may not refuse to treat an
8 individual as an eligible individual for purposes of
9 this section on the grounds that the individual is less
10 than 18 years of age at the time an applicable agen-
11 cy receives information with respect to the indi-
12 vidual, so long as the individual is at least 16 years
13 of age at such time. Nothing in the previous sen-
14 tence may be construed to require a State to permit
15 an individual who is under 18 years of age at the
16 time of an election for Federal office to vote in the
17 election.

18 “(c) APPLICABLE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.—

19 “(1) INSTRUCTIONS ON AUTOMATIC REGISTRA-
20 TION FOR AGENCIES COLLECTING CITIZENSHIP IN-
21 FORMATION.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise
23 provided in this section, in the case of any ap-
24 plicable transaction for which an applicable
25 agency (in the normal course of its operations)

1 requests individuals to affirm United States
2 citizenship (either directly or as part of the
3 overall application for service or assistance or
4 enrollment), the applicable agency shall inform
5 each such individual who is a citizen of the
6 United States of the following:

7 “(i) Unless that individual declines to
8 register to vote, or is found ineligible to
9 vote, the individual will be registered to
10 vote or, if applicable, the individual’s reg-
11 istration will be updated.

12 “(ii) The substantive qualifications of
13 an elector in the State as listed in the mail
14 voter registration application form for elec-
15 tions for Federal office prescribed pursu-
16 ant to section 9, the consequences of false
17 registration, and how the individual should
18 decline to register if the individual does
19 not meet all those qualifications.

20 “(iii) In the case of a State in which
21 affiliation or enrollment with a political
22 party is required in order to participate in
23 an election to select the party’s candidate
24 in an election for Federal office, the re-
25 quirement that the individual must affiliate

1 or enroll with a political party in order to
2 participate in such an election.

3 “(iv) Voter registration is voluntary,
4 and neither registering nor declining to
5 register to vote will in any way affect the
6 availability of services or benefits, nor be
7 used for other purposes.

8 “(B) INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED
9 ENGLISH PROFICIENCY.—In the case in which
10 the individual is a member of a group that con-
11 stitutes 3 percent or more of the overall popu-
12 lation within the State served by the applicable
13 agency as measured by the United States Cen-
14 sus and are limited English proficient, the in-
15 formation described in clauses (i) through (iv)
16 of subparagraph (A) shall be provided in a lan-
17 guage understood by the individual.

18 “(C) CLARIFICATION ON PROCEDURES FOR
19 INELIGIBLE VOTERS.—An applicable agency
20 shall not provide an individual who did not af-
21 firm United States citizenship, or for whom the
22 agency has conclusive documentary evidence ob-
23 tained through its normal course of operations
24 that the individual is not a United States cit-

1 izen, the opportunity to register to vote under
2 subparagraph (A).

3 “(D) OPPORTUNITY TO DECLINE REG-
4 ISTRATION REQUIRED.—Except as otherwise
5 provided in this section, each applicable agency
6 shall ensure that each applicable transaction de-
7 scribed in subparagraph (A) with an eligible in-
8 dividual cannot be completed until the indi-
9 vidual is given the opportunity to decline to be
10 registered to vote. In the case where the indi-
11 vidual is a member of a group that constitutes
12 3 percent or more of the overall population
13 within the State served by the applicable agency
14 as measured by the United States Census and
15 are limited English proficient, such opportunity
16 shall be given in a language understood by the
17 individual.

18 “(E) INFORMATION TRANSMITTAL.—Not
19 later than 10 days after an applicable trans-
20 action with an eligible individual, if the indi-
21 vidual did not decline to be registered to vote,
22 the applicable agency shall electronically trans-
23 mit to the appropriate State election official the
24 following information with respect to the indi-
25 vidual:

1 “(i) The individual’s given name(s)
2 and surname(s).

3 “(ii) The individual’s date of birth.

4 “(iii) The individual’s residential ad-
5 dress.

6 “(iv) Information showing that the in-
7 dividual is a citizen of the United States.

8 “(v) The date on which information
9 pertaining to that individual was collected
10 or last updated.

11 “(vi) If available, the individual’s sig-
12 nature in electronic form.

13 “(vii) In the case of a State in which
14 affiliation or enrollment with a political
15 party is required in order to participate in
16 an election to select the party’s candidate
17 in an election for Federal office, informa-
18 tion regarding the individual’s affiliation or
19 enrollment with a political party, but only
20 if the individual provides such information.

21 “(viii) Any additional information list-
22 ed in the mail voter registration applica-
23 tion form for elections for Federal office
24 prescribed pursuant to section 9, including
25 any valid driver’s license number or the

1 last 4 digits of the individual's social secu-
2 rity number, if the individual provided
3 such information.

4 “(F) PROVISION OF INFORMATION RE-
5 GARDING PARTICIPATION IN PRIMARY ELEC-
6 TIONS.—In the case of a State in which affili-
7 ation or enrollment with a political party is re-
8 quired in order to participate in an election to
9 select the party's candidate in an election for
10 Federal office, if the information transmitted
11 under subparagraph (E) with respect to an in-
12 dividual does not include information regarding
13 the individual's affiliation or enrollment with a
14 political party, the chief State election official
15 shall—

16 “(i) notify the individual that such af-
17 filiation or enrollment is required to par-
18 ticipate in primary elections; and

19 “(ii) provide an opportunity for the
20 individual to update their registration with
21 a party affiliation or enrollment.

22 “(G) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in this
23 section shall be read to require an applicable
24 agency to transmit to an election official the in-
25 formation described in subparagraph (E) for an

1 individual who is ineligible to vote in elections
2 for Federal office in the State, except to the ex-
3 tent required to pre-register citizens between 16
4 and 18 years of age.

5 “(2) ALTERNATE PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN
6 OTHER APPLICABLE AGENCIES.—With each applica-
7 ble transaction for which an applicable agency in the
8 normal course of its operations does not request in-
9 dividuals to affirm United States citizenship (either
10 directly or as part of the overall application for serv-
11 ice or assistance), the applicable agency shall—

12 “(A) complete the requirements of section
13 5;

14 “(B) ensure that each applicant’s trans-
15 action with the applicable agency cannot be
16 completed until the applicant has indicated
17 whether the applicant wishes to register to vote
18 or declines to register to vote in elections for
19 Federal office held in the State; and

20 “(C) for each individual who wishes to reg-
21 ister to vote, transmit that individual’s informa-
22 tion in accordance with subsection (e)(1)(E),
23 unless the applicable agency has conclusive doc-
24 umentary evidence obtained through its normal

1 course of operations that the individual is not
2 a United States citizen.

3 “(3) REQUIRED AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATIC
4 REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITY WITH EACH APPLICA-
5 TION FOR SERVICE OR ASSISTANCE.—Each applica-
6 ble agency shall offer each eligible individual, with
7 each applicable transaction, the opportunity to reg-
8 ister to vote as prescribed by this section without re-
9 gard to whether the individual previously declined a
10 registration opportunity.

11 “(d) VOTER PROTECTION.—

12 “(1) APPLICABLE AGENCIES’ PROTECTION OF
13 INFORMATION.—Nothing in this section authorizes
14 an applicable agency to collect, retain, transmit, or
15 publicly disclose any of the following, except as nec-
16 essary to comply with title III of the Civil Rights
17 Act of 1960 (52 U.S.C. 20701 et seq.):

18 “(A) An individual’s decision to decline to
19 register to vote or not to register to vote.

20 “(B) An individual’s decision not to affirm
21 his or her citizenship.

22 “(C) Any information that an applicable
23 agency transmits pursuant to subsection
24 (e)(1)(E), except in pursuing the agency’s ordi-
25 nary course of business.

1 “(2) ELECTION OFFICIALS’ PROTECTION OF IN-
2 FORMATION.—

3 “(A) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE PROHIBITED.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
5 (ii), with respect to any individual for
6 whom any State election official receives
7 information from an applicable agency, the
8 State election official shall not publicly dis-
9 close any of the following:

10 “(I) Any information not nec-
11 essary to voter registration.

12 “(II) Any voter information oth-
13 erwise shielded from disclosure under
14 State law or section 8(a).

15 “(III) Any portion of the individ-
16 ual’s social security number.

17 “(IV) Any portion of the individ-
18 ual’s motor vehicle driver’s license
19 number.

20 “(V) The individual’s signature.

21 “(VI) The individual’s telephone
22 number.

23 “(VII) The individual’s email ad-
24 dress.

1 “(ii) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS
2 REGISTERED TO VOTE.—The prohibition
3 on public disclosure under clause (i) shall
4 not apply with respect to the telephone
5 number or email address of any individual
6 for whom any State election official re-
7 ceives information from the applicable
8 agency and who, on the basis of such infor-
9 mation, is registered to vote in the State
10 under this section.

11 “(e) MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.—

12 “(1) ACCESSIBILITY OF REGISTRATION SERV-
13 ICES.—Each applicable agency shall ensure that the
14 services it provides under this section are made
15 available to individuals with disabilities to the same
16 extent as services are made available to all other in-
17 dividuals.

18 “(2) TRANSMISSION THROUGH SECURE THIRD
19 PARTY PERMITTED.—Nothing in this section or in
20 the Automatic Voter Registration Act of 2024 shall
21 be construed to prevent an applicable agency from
22 contracting with a third party to assist the agency
23 in meeting the information transmittal requirements
24 of this section, so long as the data transmittal com-
25 plies with the applicable requirements of this section

1 and such Act, including provisions relating to pri-
2 vacy and security.

3 “(3) NONPARTISAN, NONDISCRIMINATORY PRO-
4 VISION OF SERVICES.—The services made available
5 by applicable agencies under this section shall be
6 made in a manner consistent with paragraphs (4),
7 (5), and (6)(C) of section 7(a).

8 “(4) NOTICES.—Each State may send notices
9 under this section via electronic mail if the indi-
10 vidual has provided an electronic mail address and
11 consented to electronic mail communications for
12 election-related materials. All notices sent pursuant
13 to this section that require a response must offer the
14 individual notified the opportunity to respond at no
15 cost to the individual.

16 “(5) REGISTRATION AT OTHER STATE OFFICES
17 PERMITTED.—Nothing in this section may be con-
18 strued to prohibit a State from offering voter reg-
19 istration services described in this section at offices
20 of the State other than the State motor vehicle au-
21 thority.

22 “(f) APPLICABILITY.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall not apply
24 to an exempt State.

1 “(2) EXEMPT STATE DEFINED.—The term ‘ex-
2 empt State’ means a State that, under law that is
3 in effect continuously on and after the date of enact-
4 ment of this section, either—

5 “(A) has no voter registration requirement
6 for any voter in the State with respect to a
7 Federal election; or

8 “(B) operates a system of automatic reg-
9 istration at the motor vehicle authority of the
10 State or a Permanent Dividend Fund of the
11 State under which an individual is provided the
12 opportunity to decline registration during the
13 transaction or by way of a notice sent by mail
14 or electronically after the transaction.”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16 (1) Section 4(a) of the National Voter Registra-
17 tion Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20503(a)) is amended
18 by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as para-
19 graphs (3) and (4), respectively, and by inserting
20 after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

21 “(2) by application made simultaneously with
22 an application for a motor vehicle driver’s license
23 pursuant to section 5A;”.

1 (2) Section 4(b) of the National Voter Registra-
2 tion Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20503(b)) is amend-
3 ed—

4 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
5 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively,
6 and indenting appropriately;

7 (B) by striking “STATES.—This Act” and
8 inserting “STATES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
10 graph (2), this Act”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(2) APPLICATION OF AUTOMATIC REGISTRA-
14 TION REQUIREMENTS.—Section 5A shall apply to a
15 State described in paragraph (1), unless the State is
16 an exempt State as defined in subsection (f)(2) of
17 such section.”.

18 (3) Section 8(a)(1) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
19 20507(a)(1)) is amended by redesignating subpara-
20 graphs (B), (C), and (D) as subparagraphs (C), (D),
21 and (E), respectively, and by inserting after sub-
22 paragraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

23 “(B) in the case of registration under sec-
24 tion 5A, within the period provided in section
25 5A(b)(2);”.

1 **SEC. 1003. VOTER PROTECTION AND SECURITY IN AUTO-**
2 **MATIC REGISTRATION.**

3 (a) **PROTECTIONS FOR ERRORS IN REGISTRATION.—**

4 An individual shall not be prosecuted under any Federal
5 or State law, adversely affected in any civil adjudication
6 concerning immigration status or naturalization, or sub-
7 ject to an allegation in any legal proceeding that the indi-
8 vidual is not a citizen of the United States on any of the
9 following grounds:

10 (1) The individual notified an election office of
11 the individual's automatic registration to vote.

12 (2) The individual is not eligible to vote in elec-
13 tions for Federal office but was registered to vote
14 due to individual or agency error.

15 (3) The individual was automatically registered
16 to vote at an incorrect address.

17 (4) The individual declined the opportunity to
18 register to vote or did not make an affirmation of
19 citizenship, including through automatic registration.

20 (b) **LIMITS ON USE OF AUTOMATIC REGISTRA-**
21 **TION.—**The automatic registration (within the meaning of
22 section 5A of the National Voter Registration Act of
23 1993) of any individual or the fact that an individual de-
24 clined the opportunity to register to vote or did not make
25 an affirmation of citizenship (including through automatic
26 registration) may not be used as evidence against that in-

1 dividual in any State or Federal law enforcement pro-
2 ceeding or any civil adjudication concerning immigration
3 status or naturalization, and an individual's lack of knowl-
4 edge or willfulness of such registration may be dem-
5 onstrated by the individual's testimony alone.

6 (c) PROTECTION OF ELECTION INTEGRITY.—Noth-
7 ing in subsection (a) or (b) may be construed to prohibit
8 or restrict any action under color of law against an indi-
9 vidual who—

10 (1) knowingly and willfully makes a false state-
11 ment to effectuate or perpetuate automatic voter
12 registration (within the meaning of section 5A of the
13 National Voter Registration Act of 1993) by any in-
14 dividual; or

15 (2) casts a ballot knowingly and willfully in vio-
16 lation of State law or the laws of the United States.

17 (d) ELECTION OFFICIALS' PROTECTION OF INFOR-
18 MATION.—

19 (1) VOTER RECORD CHANGES.—Each State
20 shall maintain for not less than 2 years and shall
21 make available for public inspection (and, where
22 available, photocopying at a reasonable cost), includ-
23 ing in electronic form and through electronic meth-
24 ods, all records of changes to voter records, includ-
25 ing removals, the reasons for removals, and updates.

1 (2) DATABASE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS.—
2 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Director of the National Institute of
4 Standards and Technology, in consultation with
5 State and local election officials and the Commis-
6 sion, shall, after providing the public with notice and
7 the opportunity to comment—

8 (A) establish standards governing the com-
9 parison of data for voter registration list main-
10 tenance purposes, identifying as part of such
11 standards the specific data elements, the
12 matching rules used, and how a State may use
13 the data to determine and deem that an indi-
14 vidual is ineligible under State law to vote in an
15 election, or to deem a record to be a duplicate
16 or outdated;

17 (B) ensure that the standards developed
18 pursuant to this paragraph are uniform and
19 nondiscriminatory and are applied in a uniform
20 and nondiscriminatory manner;

21 (C) not later than 45 days after the dead-
22 line for public notice and comment, publish the
23 standards developed pursuant to this paragraph
24 on the Director's website and make those

1 standards available in written form upon re-
2 quest; and

3 (D) ensure that the standards developed
4 pursuant to this paragraph are maintained and
5 updated in a manner that reflects innovations
6 and best practices in the security of database
7 management.

8 (3) SECURITY POLICY.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Di-
11 rector of the National Institute of Standards
12 and Technology shall, after providing the public
13 with notice and the opportunity to comment,
14 publish privacy and security standards for voter
15 registration information not later than 45 days
16 after the deadline for public notice and com-
17 ment. The standards shall require the chief
18 State election official of each State to adopt a
19 policy that shall specify—

20 (i) each class of users who shall have
21 authorized access to the computerized
22 statewide voter registration list, specifying
23 for each class the permission and levels of
24 access to be granted, and setting forth
25 other safeguards to protect the privacy, se-

1 security, and accuracy of the information on
2 the list; and

3 (ii) security safeguards to protect per-
4 sonal information transmitted through the
5 information transmittal processes of sec-
6 tion 5A(b) of the National Voter Registra-
7 tion Act of 1993, any telephone interface,
8 the maintenance of the voter registration
9 database, and any audit procedure to track
10 access to the system.

11 (B) MAINTENANCE AND UPDATING.—The
12 Director of the National Institute of Standards
13 and Technology shall ensure that the standards
14 developed pursuant to this paragraph are main-
15 tained and updated in a manner that reflects
16 innovations and best practices in the privacy
17 and security of voter registration information.

18 (4) STATE COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL
19 STANDARDS.—

20 (A) CERTIFICATION.—The chief State elec-
21 tion official of the State shall annually file with
22 the Commission a statement certifying to the
23 Director of the National Institute of Standards
24 and Technology that the State is in compliance
25 with the standards referred to in paragraphs

1 (2) and (3). A State may meet the requirement
2 of the previous sentence by filing with the Com-
3 mission a statement that reads as follows:
4 “ _____ hereby certifies that it is in
5 compliance with the standards referred to in
6 paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 1003(d) of
7 the Automatic Voter Registration Act of 2024.”
8 (with the blank to be filled in with the name of
9 the State involved).

10 (B) PUBLICATION OF POLICIES AND PRO-
11 CEDURES.—The chief State election official of a
12 State shall publish on the official’s website the
13 policies and procedures established under this
14 section, and shall make those policies and pro-
15 cedures available in written form upon public
16 request.

17 (C) FUNDING DEPENDENT ON CERTIFI-
18 CATION.—If a State does not timely file the cer-
19 tification required under this paragraph, it shall
20 not receive any payment under this part for the
21 upcoming fiscal year.

22 (D) COMPLIANCE OF STATES THAT RE-
23 QUIRE CHANGES TO STATE LAW.—In the case
24 of a State that requires State legislation to
25 carry out an activity covered by any certifi-

1 cation submitted under this paragraph, for a
2 period of not more than 2 years, the State shall
3 be permitted to make the certification notwith-
4 standing that the legislation has not been en-
5 acted at the time the certification is submitted,
6 and such State shall submit an additional cer-
7 tification once such legislation is enacted.

8 (e) RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF INFORMATION.—No
9 person acting under color of law may discriminate against
10 any individual based on, or use for any purpose other than
11 voter registration, election administration, juror selection,
12 or enforcement relating to election crimes, any of the fol-
13 lowing:

14 (1) Voter registration records.

15 (2) An individual's declination to register to
16 vote or complete an affirmation of citizenship under
17 section 5A of the National Voter Registration Act of
18 1993.

19 (3) An individual's voter registration status.

20 (f) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF VOTER REGISTRA-
21 TION INFORMATION FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.—In-
22 formation collected under this part or the amendments
23 made by this part shall not be used for commercial pur-
24 poses. Nothing in this subsection may be construed to pro-
25 hibit the transmission, exchange, or dissemination of in-

1 formation for political purposes, including the support of
2 campaigns for election for Federal, State, or local public
3 office or the activities of political committees (including
4 committees of political parties) under the Federal Election
5 Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101 et seq.).

6 **SEC. 1004. PAYMENTS AND GRANTS.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission shall make
8 grants to each eligible State to assist the State in imple-
9 menting the requirements of this part and the amend-
10 ments made by this part (or, in the case of an exempt
11 State, in implementing its existing automatic voter reg-
12 istration program or expanding its automatic voter reg-
13 istration program in a manner consistent with the require-
14 ments of this part) with respect to the offices of the State
15 motor vehicle authority and any other offices of the State
16 at which the State offers voter registration services as de-
17 scribed in this part and the amendments made by this
18 part.

19 (b) **ELIGIBILITY; APPLICATION.**—A State is eligible
20 to receive a grant under this section if the State submits
21 to the Commission, at such time and in such form as the
22 Commission may require, an application containing—

23 (1) a description of the activities the State will
24 carry out with the grant;

1 (2) an assurance that the State shall carry out
2 such activities without partisan bias and without
3 promoting any particular point of view regarding
4 any issue; and

5 (3) such other information and assurances as
6 the Commission may require.

7 (c) AMOUNT OF GRANT; PRIORITIES.—The Commis-
8 sion shall determine the amount of a grant made to an
9 eligible State under this section. In determining the
10 amounts of the grants, the Commission shall give priority
11 to providing funds for those activities that are most likely
12 to accelerate compliance with the requirements of this part
13 (or, in the case of an exempt State, which are most likely
14 to enhance the ability of the State to automatically reg-
15 ister individuals to vote through its existing automatic
16 voter registration program), including—

17 (1) investments supporting electronic informa-
18 tion transfer, including electronic collection and
19 transfer of signatures, between applicable agencies
20 (as defined in section 5A of the National Voter Reg-
21 istration Act of 1993) and the appropriate State
22 election officials;

23 (2) updates to online or electronic voter reg-
24 istration systems already operating as of the date of
25 enactment of this Act;

1 (3) introduction of online voter registration sys-
2 tems in jurisdictions in which those systems did not
3 previously exist; and

4 (4) public education on the availability of new
5 methods of registering to vote, updating registration,
6 and correcting registration.

7 (d) EXEMPT STATE.—For purposes of this section,
8 the term “exempt State” has the meaning given that term
9 in section 5A of the National Voter Registration Act of
10 1993, and also includes a State in which, under law that
11 is in effect continuously on and after the date of enact-
12 ment of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
13 there is no voter registration requirement for any voter
14 in the State with respect to an election for Federal office.

15 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to
17 be appropriated to carry out this section—

18 (A) \$3,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

19 and

20 (B) such sums as may be necessary for
21 each succeeding fiscal year.

22 (2) CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—

23 Any amounts appropriated pursuant to the authority
24 of this subsection shall remain available without fis-
25 cal year limitation until expended.

1 **SEC. 1005. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

2 (a) ENFORCEMENT.—Section 11 of the National
3 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20510), relat-
4 ing to civil enforcement and the availability of private
5 rights of action, shall apply with respect to this part in
6 the same manner as such section applies to such Act.

7 (b) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—Except as pro-
8 vided, nothing in this part or the amendments made by
9 this part may be construed to authorize or require conduct
10 prohibited under, or to supersede, restrict, or limit the ap-
11 plication of any of the following:

12 (1) The Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C.
13 10301 et seq.).

14 (2) The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Ab-
15 sentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq.).

16 (3) The National Voter Registration Act of
17 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.) (other than section
18 5A thereof).

19 (4) The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52
20 U.S.C. 20901 et seq.).

21 (5) The Americans with Disabilities Act of
22 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).

23 **SEC. 1006. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this part, the following definitions apply:

25 (1) The term “chief State election official”
26 means, with respect to a State, the individual des-

1 ignated by the State under section 10 of the Na-
2 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.
3 20509) to be responsible for coordination of the
4 State's responsibilities under such Act.

5 (2) The term "Commission" means the Election
6 Assistance Commission.

7 (3) The term "State" means each of the several
8 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
9 of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands,
10 Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of
11 the Northern Mariana Islands.

12 **SEC. 1007. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
14 (b), this part and the amendments made by this part shall
15 apply on and after January 1, 2025.

16 (b) WAIVER.—If a State certifies to the Commission
17 not later than January 1, 2025, that the State will not
18 meet the deadline described in subsection (a) because it
19 would be impracticable to do so and includes in the certifi-
20 cation the reasons for the failure to meet such deadline,
21 subsection (a) shall apply to the State as if the reference
22 in such subsection to "January 1, 2025" were a reference
23 to "January 1, 2027".

1 **“SEC. 6A. INTERNET REGISTRATION.**

2 “(a) **REQUIRING AVAILABILITY OF INTERNET FOR**
3 **ONLINE REGISTRATION.**—Each State, acting through the
4 chief State election official, shall ensure that the following
5 services are available to the public at any time on the offi-
6 cial public websites of the appropriate State and local elec-
7 tion officials in the State, in the same manner and subject
8 to the same terms and conditions as the services provided
9 by voter registration agencies under section 7(a):

10 “(1) Online application for voter registration.

11 “(2) Online assistance to applicants in applying
12 to register to vote.

13 “(3) Online completion and submission by ap-
14 plicants of the mail voter registration application
15 form prescribed by the Election Assistance Commis-
16 sion pursuant to section 9(a)(2), including assist-
17 ance with providing a signature as required under
18 subsection (c).

19 “(4) Online receipt of completed voter registra-
20 tion applications.

21 “(b) **ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS.**—
22 A State shall accept an online voter registration applica-
23 tion provided by an individual under this section, and en-
24 sure that the individual is registered to vote in the State,
25 if—

1 “(1) the individual meets the same voter reg-
2 istration requirements applicable to individuals who
3 register to vote by mail in accordance with section
4 6(a)(1) using the mail voter registration application
5 form prescribed by the Election Assistance Commis-
6 sion pursuant to section 9(a)(2); and

7 “(2) the individual meets the requirements of
8 subsection (e) to provide a signature in electronic
9 form (but only in the case of applications submitted
10 during or after the second year in which this section
11 is in effect in the State).

12 “(e) SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sec-
14 tion, an individual meets the requirements of this
15 subsection as follows:

16 “(A) In the case of an individual who has
17 a signature on file with a State agency, includ-
18 ing the State motor vehicle authority, that is
19 required to provide voter registration services
20 under this Act or any other law, the individual
21 consents to the transfer of that electronic signa-
22 ture.

23 “(B) If subparagraph (A) does not apply,
24 the individual submits with the application an

1 electronic copy of the individual's handwritten
2 signature through electronic means.

3 “(C) If subparagraph (A) and subpara-
4 graph (B) do not apply, the individual executes
5 a computerized mark in the signature field on
6 an online voter registration application, in ac-
7 cordance with reasonable security measures es-
8 tablished by the State, but only if the State ac-
9 cepts such mark from the individual.

10 “(2) TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS UNABLE TO
11 MEET REQUIREMENT.—If an individual is unable to
12 meet the requirements under paragraph (1), the
13 State shall—

14 “(A) permit the individual to complete all
15 other elements of the online voter registration
16 application;

17 “(B) permit the individual to provide a sig-
18 nature at the time the individual requests a bal-
19 lot in an election (whether the individual re-
20 quests the ballot at a polling place or requests
21 the ballot by mail); and

22 “(C) if the individual carries out the steps
23 described in subparagraphs (A) and (B), ensure
24 that the individual is registered to vote in the
25 State.

1 “(3) NOTICE.—The State shall ensure that in-
2 dividuals applying to register to vote online are noti-
3 fied of the requirements under paragraph (1) and of
4 the treatment of individuals unable to meet such re-
5 quirements, as described in paragraph (2).

6 “(d) CONFIRMATION AND DISPOSITION.—

7 “(1) CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon the online sub-
9 mission of a completed voter registration appli-
10 cation by an individual under this section, the
11 appropriate State or local election official shall
12 provide the individual a notice confirming the
13 State’s receipt of the application and providing
14 instructions on how the individual may check
15 the status of the application.

16 “(B) METHOD OF NOTIFICATION.—The
17 appropriate State or local election official shall
18 provide the notice required under subparagraph
19 (A) though the online submission process and—

20 “(i) in the case of an individual who
21 has provided the official with an electronic
22 mail address, by electronic mail; and

23 “(ii) at the option of the individual,
24 by text message.

25 “(2) NOTICE OF DISPOSITION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 7 days
2 after the date on which the appropriate State or
3 local election official approves or rejects an ap-
4 plication submitted by an individual under this
5 section, the official shall provide the individual
6 a notice of the disposition of the application.

7 “(B) METHOD OF NOTIFICATION.—The
8 appropriate State or local election official shall
9 provide the notice required under subparagraph
10 (A) by regular mail and—

11 “(i) in the case of an individual who
12 has provided the official with an electronic
13 mail address, by electronic mail; and

14 “(ii) at the option of the individual,
15 by text message.

16 “(e) PROVISION OF SERVICES IN NONPARTISAN
17 MANNER.—The services made available under subsection
18 (a) shall be provided in a manner that ensures that—

19 “(1) the online application does not seek to in-
20 fluence an applicant’s political preference or party
21 registration; and

22 “(2) there is no display on the website pro-
23 moting any political preference or party allegiance,
24 except that nothing in this paragraph may be con-

1 strued to prohibit an applicant from registering to
2 vote as a member of a political party.

3 “(f) PROTECTION OF SECURITY OF INFORMATION.—

4 In meeting the requirements of this section, the State shall
5 establish appropriate technological security measures to
6 prevent to the greatest extent practicable any unauthor-
7 ized access to information provided by individuals using
8 the services made available under subsection (a).

9 “(g) ACCESSIBILITY OF SERVICES.—A State shall en-
10 sure that the services made available under this section
11 are made available to individuals with disabilities to the
12 same extent as services are made available to all other in-
13 dividuals.

14 “(h) NONDISCRIMINATION AMONG REGISTERED
15 VOTERS USING MAIL AND ONLINE REGISTRATION.—In
16 carrying out this Act, the Help America Vote Act of 2002
17 (52 U.S.C. 20901 et seq.), or any other Federal, State,
18 or local law governing the treatment of registered voters
19 in the State or the administration of elections for public
20 office in the State, a State shall treat a registered voter
21 who registered to vote online in accordance with this sec-
22 tion in the same manner as the State treats a registered
23 voter who registered to vote by mail.”.

24 (b) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS
25 USING ONLINE REGISTRATION.—

1 (1) TREATMENT AS INDIVIDUALS REGISTERING
2 TO VOTE BY MAIL FOR PURPOSES OF FIRST-TIME
3 VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Section
4 303(b)(1)(A) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
5 (52 U.S.C. 21083(b)(1)(A)) is amended by striking
6 “by mail” and inserting “by mail or online under
7 section 6A of the National Voter Registration Act of
8 1993”.

9 (2) REQUIRING SIGNATURE FOR FIRST-TIME
10 VOTERS IN JURISDICTION.—Section 303(b) of such
11 Act (52 U.S.C. 21083(b)) is amended—

12 (A) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
13 paragraph (6); and

14 (B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
15 following new paragraph:

16 “(5) SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST-
17 TIME VOTERS USING ONLINE REGISTRATION.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State shall, in a
19 uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, require
20 an individual to meet the requirements of sub-
21 paragraph (B) if—

22 “(i) the individual registered to vote
23 in the State online under section 6A of the
24 National Voter Registration Act of 1993;
25 and

1 “(ii) the individual has not previously
2 voted in an election for Federal office in
3 the State.

4 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—An individual
5 meets the requirements of this subparagraph
6 if—

7 “(i) in the case of an individual who
8 votes in person, the individual provides the
9 appropriate State or local election official
10 with a handwritten signature; or

11 “(ii) in the case of an individual who
12 votes by mail, the individual submits with
13 the ballot a handwritten signature.

14 “(C) INAPPLICABILITY.—Subparagraph
15 (A) does not apply in the case of an individual
16 who is—

17 “(i) entitled to vote by absentee ballot
18 under the Uniformed and Overseas Citi-
19 zens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C.
20 20302 et seq.);

21 “(ii) provided the right to vote other-
22 wise than in person under section
23 3(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Voting Accessibility
24 for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (52
25 U.S.C. 20102(b)(2)(B)(ii)); or

1 “(iii) entitled to vote otherwise than
2 in person under any other Federal law.”.

3 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO
4 EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 303(d)(2)(A) of such
5 Act (52 U.S.C. 21083(d)(2)(A)) is amended by
6 striking “Each State” and inserting “Except as pro-
7 vided in subsection (b)(5), each State”.

8 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) TIMING OF REGISTRATION.—Section 8(a)(1)
10 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52
11 U.S.C. 20507(a)(1)), as amended by section
12 1002(b)(3), is amended—

13 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
14 paragraph (D);

15 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as
16 subparagraph (F); and

17 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
18 the following new subparagraph:

19 “(E) in the case of online registration
20 through the official public website of an election
21 official under section 6A, if the valid voter reg-
22 istration application is submitted online not
23 later than the lesser of 28 days, or the period
24 provided by State law, before the date of the
25 election (as determined by treating the date on

1 which the application is sent electronically as
2 the date on which it is submitted); and”.

3 (2) INFORMING APPLICANTS OF ELIGIBILITY
4 REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES.—Section 8(a)(5)
5 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20507(a)(5)) is amended by
6 striking “and 7” and inserting “6A, and 7”.

7 **SEC. 1022. USE OF INTERNET TO UPDATE REGISTRATION**
8 **INFORMATION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—

10 (1) UPDATES TO INFORMATION CONTAINED ON
11 COMPUTERIZED STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION
12 LIST.—Section 303(a) of the Help America Vote Act
13 of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21083(a)) is amended by adding
14 at the end the following new paragraph:

15 “(6) USE OF INTERNET BY REGISTERED VOT-
16 ERS TO UPDATE INFORMATION.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The appropriate State
18 or local election official shall ensure that any
19 registered voter on the computerized list may at
20 any time update the voter’s registration infor-
21 mation, including the voter’s address and elec-
22 tronic mail address, online through the official
23 public website of the election official responsible
24 for the maintenance of the list, so long as the
25 voter attests to the contents of the update by

1 providing a signature in electronic form in the
2 same manner required under section 6A(e) of
3 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

4 “(B) PROCESSING OF UPDATED INFORMA-
5 TION BY ELECTION OFFICIALS.—If a registered
6 voter updates registration information under
7 subparagraph (A), the appropriate State or
8 local election official shall—

9 “(i) revise any information on the
10 computerized list to reflect the update
11 made by the voter; and

12 “(ii) if the updated registration infor-
13 mation affects the voter’s eligibility to vote
14 in an election for Federal office, ensure
15 that the information is processed with re-
16 spect to the election if the voter updates
17 the information not later than the lesser of
18 7 days, or the period provided by State
19 law, before the date of the election.

20 “(C) CONFIRMATION AND DISPOSITION.—

21 “(i) CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT.—
22 Upon the online submission of updated
23 registration information by an individual
24 under this paragraph, the appropriate
25 State or local election official shall send

1 the individual a notice confirming the
2 State's receipt of the updated information
3 and providing instructions on how the indi-
4 vidual may check the status of the update.

5 “(ii) NOTICE OF DISPOSITION.—Not
6 later than 7 days after the appropriate
7 State or local election official has accepted
8 or rejected updated information submitted
9 by an individual under this paragraph, the
10 official shall send the individual a notice of
11 the disposition of the update.

12 “(iii) METHOD OF NOTIFICATION.—
13 The appropriate State or local election offi-
14 cial shall send the notices required under
15 this subparagraph by regular mail and—

16 “(I) in the case of an individual
17 who has requested that the State pro-
18 vide voter registration and voting in-
19 formation through electronic mail, by
20 electronic mail; and

21 “(II) at the option of the indi-
22 vidual, by text message.”.

23 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO
24 EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 303(d)(1)(A) of such
25 Act (52 U.S.C. 21083(d)(1)(A)) is amended by

1 striking “subparagraph (B)” and inserting “sub-
2 paragraph (B) and subsection (a)(6)”.

3 (b) ABILITY OF REGISTRANT TO USE ONLINE UP-
4 DATE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON RESIDENCE.—Sec-
5 tion 8(d)(2)(A) of the National Voter Registration Act of
6 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20507(d)(2)(A)) is amended—

7 (1) in the first sentence, by inserting after “re-
8 turn the card” the following: “or update the reg-
9 istrant’s information on the computerized statewide
10 voter registration list using the online method pro-
11 vided under section 303(a)(6) of the Help America
12 Vote Act of 2002”; and

13 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “re-
14 turned,” and inserting the following: “returned or if
15 the registrant does not update the registrant’s infor-
16 mation on the computerized statewide voter registra-
17 tion list using such online method,”.

18 **SEC. 1023. PROVISION OF ELECTION INFORMATION BY**
19 **ELECTRONIC MAIL TO INDIVIDUALS REG-**
20 **ISTERED TO VOTE.**

21 (a) INCLUDING OPTION ON VOTER REGISTRATION
22 APPLICATION TO PROVIDE EMAIL ADDRESS AND RE-
23 CEIVE INFORMATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 9(b) of the National
2 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.
3 20508(b)) is amended—

4 (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-
5 graph (3);

6 (B) in paragraph (4)—

7 (i) by redesignating clauses (i), (ii),
8 and (iii) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and
9 (C), respectively; and

10 (ii) in subparagraph (C), as so redesi-
11 gnated, by striking the period at the end
12 and inserting “; and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraph:

15 “(5) shall include a space for the applicant to
16 provide (at the applicant’s option) an electronic mail
17 address, together with a statement that, if the appli-
18 cant so requests, instead of using regular mail the
19 appropriate State and local election officials shall
20 provide to the applicant, through electronic mail sent
21 to that address, the same voting information (as de-
22 fined in section 302(b)(2) of the Help America Vote
23 Act of 2002) that the officials would provide to the
24 applicant through regular mail.”.

1 (2) PROHIBITING USE FOR PURPOSES UNRE-
2 LATED TO OFFICIAL DUTIES OF ELECTION OFFI-
3 CIALS.—Section 9 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20508) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new
5 subsection:

6 “(c) PROHIBITING USE OF ELECTRONIC MAIL AD-
7 DRESSES FOR OTHER THAN OFFICIAL PURPOSES.—The
8 chief State election official shall ensure that any electronic
9 mail address provided by an applicant under subsection
10 (b)(5) is used only for purposes of carrying out official
11 duties of election officials and is not transmitted by any
12 State or local election official (or any agent of such an
13 official, including a contractor) to any person who does
14 not require the address to carry out such official duties
15 and who is not under the direct supervision and control
16 of a State or local election official.”.

17 (b) REQUIRING PROVISION OF INFORMATION BY
18 ELECTION OFFICIALS.—Section 302(b) of the Help Amer-
19 ica Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21082(b)) is amended
20 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

21 “(3) PROVISION OF OTHER INFORMATION BY
22 ELECTRONIC MAIL.—If an individual who is a reg-
23 istered voter has provided the State or local election
24 official with an electronic mail address for the pur-
25 pose of receiving voting information (as described in

1 section 9(b)(5) of the National Voter Registration
2 Act of 1993), the appropriate State or local election
3 official, through electronic mail transmitted not later
4 than 7 days before the date of the election for Fed-
5 eral office involved, shall provide the individual with
6 information on how to obtain the following informa-
7 tion by electronic means:

8 “(A)(i) If the individual is assigned to vote
9 in the election at a specific polling place—

10 “(I) the name and address of the poll-
11 ing place; and

12 “(II) the hours of operation for the
13 polling place.

14 “(ii) If the individual is not assigned to
15 vote in the election at a specific polling place—

16 “(I) the name and address of loca-
17 tions at which the individual is eligible to
18 vote; and

19 “(II) the hours of operation for those
20 locations.

21 “(B) A description of any identification or
22 other information the individual may be re-
23 quired to present at the polling place or a loca-
24 tion described in subparagraph (A)(ii)(I) to vote
25 in the election.”

1 **SEC. 1024. CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT REGARDING**
2 **NECESSARY INFORMATION TO SHOW ELIGI-**
3 **BILITY TO VOTE.**

4 Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act of
5 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20507) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
7 section (k); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(j) REQUIREMENT FOR STATE TO REGISTER APPLI-
11 CANTS PROVIDING NECESSARY INFORMATION TO SHOW
12 ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE.—For purposes meeting the re-
13 quirement of subsection (a)(1) that an eligible applicant
14 is registered to vote in an election for Federal office within
15 the deadlines required under such subsection, the State
16 shall consider an applicant to have provided a ‘valid voter
17 registration form’ if—

18 “(1) the applicant has substantially completed
19 the application form and attested to the statement
20 required by section 9(b)(2); and

21 “(2) in the case of an applicant who registers
22 to vote online in accordance with section 6A, the ap-
23 plicant provides a signature in accordance with sub-
24 section (e) of such section.”.

1 **SEC. 1025. PROHIBITING STATE FROM REQUIRING APPLI-**
2 **CANTS TO PROVIDE MORE THAN LAST 4 DIG-**
3 **ITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.**

4 (a) FORM INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION FOR
5 MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSE.—Section
6 5(c)(2)(B)(ii) of the National Voter Registration Act of
7 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20504(c)(2)(B)(ii)) is amended by strik-
8 ing the semicolon at the end and inserting the following:
9 “, and to the extent that the application requires the appli-
10 cant to provide a social security number, may not require
11 the applicant to provide more than the last 4 digits of such
12 number;”.

13 (b) NATIONAL MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION FORM.—
14 Section 9(b)(1) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20508(b)(1)) is
15 amended by striking the semicolon at the end and insert-
16 ing the following: “, and to the extent that the form re-
17 quires the applicant to provide a social security number,
18 the form may not require the applicant to provide more
19 than the last 4 digits of such number;”.

20 **SEC. 1026. APPLICATION OF RULES TO CERTAIN EXEMPT**
21 **STATES.**

22 Section 4 of the National Voter Registration Act of
23 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20503) is amended by adding at the end
24 the following new subsection:

25 “(c) APPLICATION OF INTERNET VOTER REGISTRA-
26 TION RULES.—Notwithstanding subsection (b), the fol-

1 lowing provisions shall apply to a State described in para-
2 graph (2) thereof:

3 “(1) Section 6A (as added by section 1021(a)
4 of the Voter Registration Modernization Act of
5 2024).

6 “(2) Section 8(a)(1)(E) (as added by section
7 1021(c)(1) of the Voter Registration Modernization
8 Act of 2024).

9 “(3) Section 8(a)(5) (as amended by section
10 1021(c)(2) of Voter Registration Modernization Act
11 of 2024), but only to the extent such provision re-
12 lates to section 6A.

13 “(4) Section 8(j) (as added by section 1024 of
14 the Voter Registration Modernization Act of 2024),
15 but only to the extent such provision relates to sec-
16 tion 6A.”.

17 **SEC. 1027. REPORT ON DATA COLLECTION RELATING TO**
18 **ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEMS.**

19 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
20 of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit to Congress
21 a report on local, State, and Federal personally identifi-
22 able information data collections efforts related to online
23 voter registration systems, the cybersecurity resources
24 necessary to defend such efforts from online attacks, and

1 the impact of a potential data breach of local, State, or
2 Federal online voter registration systems.

3 **SEC. 1028. PERMITTING VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICA-**
4 **TION FORM TO SERVE AS APPLICATION FOR**
5 **ABSENTEE BALLOT.**

6 Section 5(e) of the National Voter Registration Act
7 of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20504(e)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2)—

9 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
10 paragraph (D);

11 (B) by striking the period at the end of
12 subparagraph (E) and inserting “; and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following new
14 subparagraph:

15 “(F) at the option of the applicant, shall serve
16 as an application to vote by absentee ballot in the
17 next election for Federal office held in the State and
18 in each subsequent election for Federal office held in
19 the State.”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following new
21 paragraph:

22 “(3)(A) In the case of an individual who is treated
23 as having applied for an absentee ballot in the next elec-
24 tion for Federal office held in the State and in each subse-
25 quent election for Federal office held in the State under

1 paragraph (2)(F), such treatment shall remain effective
2 until the earlier of such time as—

3 “(i) the individual is no longer registered to
4 vote in the State; or

5 “(ii) the individual provides an affirmative writ-
6 ten notice revoking such treatment.

7 “(B) The treatment of an individual as having ap-
8 plied for an absentee ballot in the next election for Federal
9 office held in the State and in each subsequent election
10 for Federal office held in the State under paragraph
11 (2)(F) shall not be revoked on the basis that the individual
12 has not voted in an election”.

13 **SEC. 1029. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subsection
15 (b), the amendments made by this part (other than the
16 amendments made by section 1024) shall apply with re-
17 spect to the regularly scheduled general election for Fed-
18 eral office held in November 2024 and each succeeding
19 election for Federal office.

20 (b) **WAIVER.**—If a State certifies to the Election As-
21 sistance Commission not later than 180 days after the
22 date of enactment of this Act that the State will not meet
23 the deadline described in subsection (a) because it would
24 be impracticable to do so and includes in the certification
25 the reasons for the failure to meet such deadline, sub-

1 section (a) shall apply to the State as if the reference in
2 such subsection to “the regularly scheduled general elec-
3 tion for Federal office held in November 2024” were a
4 reference to “January 1, 2026”.

5 **PART 4—SAME-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION**

6 **SEC. 1031. SAME-DAY REGISTRATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Help America
8 Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating sections 304 and 305 as
10 sections 305 and 306, respectively; and

11 (2) by inserting after section 303 the following
12 new section:

13 **“SEC. 304. SAME-DAY REGISTRATION.**

14 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**

15 **“(1) REGISTRATION.—**Each State shall permit
16 any eligible individual on the day of a Federal elec-
17 tion and on any day when voting, including early
18 voting, is permitted for a Federal election—

19 **“(A) to register to vote in such election at**
20 **the polling place using a form that meets the**
21 **requirements under section 9(b) of the National**
22 **Voter Registration Act of 1993 (or, if the indi-**
23 **vidual is already registered to vote, to revise**
24 **any of the individual’s voter registration infor-**
25 **mation); and**

1 “(B) to cast a vote in such election.

2 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The requirements under
3 paragraph (1) shall not apply to a State in which,
4 under a State law in effect continuously on and after
5 the date of enactment of this section, there is no
6 voter registration requirement for individuals in the
7 State with respect to elections for Federal office.

8 “(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this
9 section, the term ‘eligible individual’ means, with respect
10 to any election for Federal office, an individual who is oth-
11 erwise qualified to vote in that election.

12 “(c) ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF FORMS.—The
13 State shall ensure that each polling place has copies of
14 any forms an individual may be required to complete in
15 order to register to vote or revise the individual’s voter
16 registration information under this section.

17 “(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
19 each State shall be required to comply with the re-
20 quirements of this section for the regularly sched-
21 uled general election for Federal office occurring in
22 November 2024 and for any subsequent election for
23 Federal office.

24 “(2) SPECIAL RULES FOR ELECTIONS BEFORE
25 NOVEMBER 2026.—

1 “(A) ELECTIONS PRIOR TO NOVEMBER
2 2026 GENERAL ELECTION.—A State shall be
3 deemed to be in compliance with the require-
4 ments of this section for the regularly scheduled
5 general election for Federal office occurring in
6 November 2024 and subsequent elections for
7 Federal office occurring before the regularly
8 scheduled general election for Federal office in
9 November 2026 if at least 1 location for each
10 15,000 registered voters in each jurisdiction in
11 the State meets such requirements, and such lo-
12 cation is reasonably located to serve voting pop-
13 ulations equitably across the jurisdiction.

14 “(B) NOVEMBER 2026 GENERAL ELEC-
15 TION.—If a State certifies to the Election As-
16 sistance Commission not later than November
17 3, 2026, that the State will not be in compli-
18 ance with the requirements of this section for
19 the regularly scheduled general election for
20 Federal office occurring in November 2026 be-
21 cause it would be impracticable to do so and in-
22 cludes in the certification the reasons for the
23 failure to meet such requirements, the State
24 shall be deemed to be in compliance with the re-
25 quirements of this section for such election if at

1 least one location for each 15,000 registered
2 voters in each jurisdiction in the State meets
3 such requirements, and such location is reason-
4 ably located to serve voting populations equi-
5 tably across the jurisdiction.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-
7 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 21111)
8 is amended by striking “sections 301, 302, and 303” and
9 inserting “subtitle A of title III”.

10 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents
11 of such Act is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
13 tions 304 and 305 as relating to sections 305 and
14 306, respectively; and

15 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
16 tion 303 the following new item:

“Sec. 304. Same-day registration.”.

17 **SEC. 1032. ENSURING PRE-ELECTION REGISTRATION DEAD-**
18 **LINES ARE CONSISTENT WITH TIMING OF**
19 **LEGAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(a)(1) of the National
21 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20507(a)(1))
22 is amended by striking “30 days” each place it appears
23 and inserting “28 days”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to elections held
3 in 2024 or any succeeding year.

4 **PART 5—STREAMLINE VOTER REGISTRATION**
5 **INFORMATION, ACCESS, AND PRIVACY**

6 **SEC. 1041. AUTHORIZING THE DISSEMINATION OF VOTER**
7 **REGISTRATION INFORMATION DISPLAYS**
8 **FOLLOWING NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES.**

9 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Homeland
10 Security shall establish a process for authorizing the chief
11 State election official of a State to disseminate voter reg-
12 istration information at the conclusion of any naturaliza-
13 tion ceremony conducted by the Department of Homeland
14 Security, its constituent agencies, or the Federal judiciary.

15 (b) NO EFFECT ON OTHER AUTHORITY.—Nothing in
16 this section shall be construed to imply that a Federal
17 agency cannot provide voter registration services beyond
18 those minimally required herein, or to imply that agencies
19 not named may not distribute voter registration informa-
20 tion or provide voter registration services up to the limits
21 of their statutory and funding authority.

22 (c) DESIGNATED VOTER REGISTRATION AGEN-
23 CIES.—In any State or other location in which a Federal
24 agency is designated as a voter registration agency under
25 section 7(a)(3)(B)(ii) of the National Voter Registration

1 Act, the voter registration responsibilities incurred
2 through such designation shall supersede the requirements
3 described in this section.

4 **SEC. 1042. INCLUSION OF VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMA-**
5 **TION WITH CERTAIN LEASES AND VOUCHERS**
6 **FOR FEDERALLY ASSISTED RENTAL HOUSING**
7 **AND MORTGAGE APPLICATIONS.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) BUREAU.—The term “Bureau” means the
10 Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

11 (2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
12 the Director of the Bureau.

13 (3) FEDERAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE.—The term
14 “Federal rental assistance” means rental assistance
15 provided under—

16 (A) any covered housing program, as de-
17 fined in section 41411(a) of the Violence
18 Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
19 12491(a));

20 (B) title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (42
21 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.), including voucher assist-
22 ance under section 542 of such title (42 U.S.C.
23 1490r);

24 (C) the Housing Trust Fund program
25 under section 1338 of the Federal Housing En-

1 terprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act
2 of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4588); or

3 (D) subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-
4 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
5 11381 et seq.).

6 (4) FEDERALLY BACKED MULTIFAMILY MORT-
7 GAGE LOAN.—The term “federally backed multi-
8 family mortgage loan” includes any loan (other than
9 temporary financing such as a construction loan)
10 that—

11 (A) is secured by a first or subordinate lien
12 on residential multifamily real property de-
13 signed principally for the occupancy of 5 or
14 more families, including any such secured loan,
15 the proceeds of which are used to prepay or pay
16 off an existing loan secured by the same prop-
17 erty; and

18 (B) is made in whole or in part, or in-
19 sured, guaranteed, supplemented, or assisted in
20 any way, by any officer or agency of the Fed-
21 eral Government or under or in connection with
22 a housing or urban development program ad-
23 ministered by the Secretary of Housing and
24 Urban Development or a housing or related
25 program administered by any other such officer

1 or agency, or is purchased or securitized by the
2 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or
3 the Federal National Mortgage Association.

4 (5) OWNER.—The term “owner” has the mean-
5 ing given the term in section 8(f) of the United
6 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(f)).

7 (6) PUBLIC HOUSING; PUBLIC HOUSING AGEN-
8 CY.—The terms “public housing” and “public hous-
9 ing agency” have the meanings given those terms in
10 section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of
11 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

12 (7) RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN.—The term
13 “residential mortgage loan” includes any loan that is
14 secured by a first or subordinate lien on residential
15 real property, including individual units of con-
16 dominiums and cooperatives, designed principally for
17 the occupancy of from 1 to 4 families.

18 (b) UNIFORM STATEMENT.—

19 (1) DEVELOPMENT.—The Director, after con-
20 sultation with the Election Assistance Commission,
21 shall develop a uniform statement designed to pro-
22 vide recipients of the statement pursuant to this sec-
23 tion with information on how the recipient can reg-
24 ister to vote and the voting rights of the recipient
25 under law.

1 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In developing the uni-
2 form statement, the Director shall be responsible
3 for—

4 (A) establishing the format of the state-
5 ment;

6 (B) consumer research and testing of the
7 statement; and

8 (C) consulting with and obtaining from the
9 Election Assistance Commission the content re-
10 garding voter rights and registration issues
11 needed to ensure the statement complies with
12 the requirements of paragraph (1).

13 (3) LANGUAGES.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The uniform statement
15 required under paragraph (1) shall be developed
16 and made available in English and in each of
17 the 10 languages most commonly spoken by in-
18 dividuals with limited English proficiency, as
19 determined by the Director using information
20 published by the Director of the Bureau of the
21 Census.

22 (B) PUBLICATION.—The Director shall
23 make all translated versions of the uniform
24 statement required under paragraph (1) pub-

1 liely available in a centralized location on the
2 website of the Bureau.

3 (c) LEASES AND VOUCHERS FOR FEDERALLY AS-
4 SISTED RENTAL HOUSING.—Each Federal agency admin-
5 istering a Federal rental assistance program shall re-
6 quire—

7 (1) each public housing agency to provide a
8 copy of the uniform statement developed pursuant to
9 subsection (b) to each lessee of a dwelling unit in
10 public housing administered by the agency—

11 (A) together with the lease for the dwelling
12 unit, at the same time the lease is signed by the
13 lessee; and

14 (B) together with any income verification
15 form, at the same time the form is provided to
16 the lessee;

17 (2) each public housing agency that administers
18 rental assistance under the Housing Choice Voucher
19 program under section 8(o) of the United States
20 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)), includ-
21 ing the program under paragraph (13) of such sec-
22 tion 8(o), to provide a copy of the uniform statement
23 developed pursuant to subsection (b) to each assisted
24 family or individual—

1 (A) together with the voucher for the as-
2 sistance, at the time the voucher is issued for
3 the family or individual; and

4 (B) together with any income verification
5 form, at the time the voucher is provided to the
6 applicant or assisted family or individual; and

7 (3) each owner of a dwelling unit assisted with
8 Federal rental assistance to provide a copy of the
9 uniform statement developed pursuant to subsection
10 (b) to the lessee of the dwelling unit—

11 (A) together with the lease for such dwell-
12 ing unit, at the same time the lease is signed
13 by the lessee; and

14 (B) together with any income verification
15 form, at the same time the form is provided to
16 the applicant or tenant.

17 (d) APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE
18 LOANS.—The Director shall require each creditor (within
19 the meaning of such term as used in section 1026.2(a)(17)
20 of title 12, Code of Federal Regulations) that receives an
21 application (within the meaning of such term as used in
22 section 1026.2(a)(3)(ii) of title 12, Code of Federal Regu-
23 lations) to provide a copy of the uniform statement devel-
24 oped pursuant to subsection (b) in written form to the

1 applicant for the residential mortgage loan not later than
2 5 business days after the date of the application.

3 (e) **FEDERALLY BACKED MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE**
4 **LOANS.**—The head of the Federal agency insuring, guar-
5 anteeing, supplementing, or assisting a federally backed
6 multifamily mortgage loan, or the Director of the Federal
7 Housing Finance Agency in the case of a federally backed
8 multifamily mortgage loan that is purchased or securitized
9 by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or the
10 Federal National Mortgage Association, shall require the
11 owner of the property secured by the federally backed mul-
12 tifamily mortgage loan to provide a copy of the uniform
13 statement developed pursuant to subsection (b) in written
14 form to each lessee of a dwelling unit assisted by that loan
15 at the time the lease is signed by the lessee.

16 (f) **OPTIONAL COMPLETION OF VOTER REGISTRA-**
17 **TION.**—Nothing in this section may be construed to re-
18 quire any individual to complete a voter registration form.

19 (g) **REGULATIONS.**—The head of a Federal agency
20 administering a Federal rental assistance program, the
21 head of the Federal agency insuring, guaranteeing,
22 supplementing, or assisting a federally backed multifamily
23 mortgage loan, the Director of the Federal Housing Fi-
24 nance Agency, and the Director may issue such regula-
25 tions as may be necessary to carry out this section.

1 (h) NO EFFECT ON OTHER AUTHORITY.—Nothing in
2 this section shall be construed to imply that a Federal
3 agency cannot provide voter registration services beyond
4 those minimally required herein, or to imply that agencies
5 not named may not distribute voter registration informa-
6 tion or provide voter registration services up to the limits
7 of their statutory and funding authority.

8 (i) DESIGNATED VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES.—
9 In any State or other location in which a Federal agency
10 is designated as a voter registration agency under section
11 7(a)(3)(B)(ii) of the National Voter Registration Act, the
12 voter registration responsibilities incurred through such
13 designation shall supersede the requirements described in
14 this section.

15 **SEC. 1043. ACCEPTANCE OF VOTER REGISTRATION APPLI-**
16 **CATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS UNDER 18**
17 **YEARS OF AGE.**

18 (a) ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS.—Section 8 of
19 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.
20 20507), as amended by section 1024, is amended—

21 (1) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-
22 section (l); and

23 (2) by inserting after subsection (j) the fol-
24 lowing new subsection:

1 “(k) ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FROM INDIVID-
2 UALS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may not refuse to
4 accept or process an individual’s application to reg-
5 ister to vote in elections for Federal office on the
6 grounds that the individual is under 18 years of age
7 at the time the individual submits the application, so
8 long as the individual is at least 16 years of age at
9 such time.

10 “(2) NO EFFECT ON STATE VOTING AGE RE-
11 QUIREMENTS.—Nothing in paragraph (1) may be
12 construed to require a State to permit an individual
13 who is under 18 years of age at the time of an elec-
14 tion for Federal office to vote in the election.”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
16 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to elections occur-
17 ring on or after January 1, 2024.

18 **SEC. 1044. REQUIRING STATES TO ESTABLISH AND OPER-**
19 **ATE VOTER PRIVACY PROGRAMS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Help America
21 Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.), as amended
22 by section 1031(a), is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating sections 305 and 306 as
24 sections 306 and 307, respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after section 304 the following
2 new section:

3 **“SEC. 305. VOTER PRIVACY PROGRAMS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall establish and
5 operate a privacy program to enable victims of domestic
6 violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and traf-
7 ficking to have personally identifiable information that
8 State or local election officials maintain with respect to
9 an individual voter registration status for purposes of elec-
10 tions for Federal office in the State, including addresses,
11 be kept confidential.

12 “(b) NOTICE.—Each State shall notify residents of
13 that State of the information that State and local election
14 officials maintain with respect to an individual voter reg-
15 istration status for purposes of elections for Federal office
16 in the State, how that information is shared or sold and
17 with whom, what information is automatically kept con-
18 fidential, what information is needed to access voter infor-
19 mation online, and the privacy programs that are avail-
20 able.

21 “(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each State shall make
22 information about the program established under sub-
23 section (a) available on a publicly accessible website.

24 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The terms ‘dating violence’, ‘domestic vio-
2 lence’, ‘sexual assault’, and ‘stalking’ have the mean-
3 ings given those terms in section 40002 of the Vio-
4 lence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C.
5 12291).

6 “(2) The term ‘trafficking’ means an act or
7 practice described in paragraph (11) or (12) of sec-
8 tion 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act
9 of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

10 “(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Each State and jurisdiction
11 shall be required to comply with the requirements of this
12 section on and after January 1, 2025.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents
14 of such Act, as amended by section 1031(c), is amended—

15 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
16 tions 305 and 306 as relating to sections 306 and
17 307, respectively; and

18 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
19 tion 304 the following new item:

 “Sec. 305. Voter privacy programs.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2024
3 and each succeeding fiscal year.

4 **Subtitle B—Access to Voting for**
5 **Individuals With Disabilities**

6 **SEC. 1101. REQUIREMENTS FOR STATES TO PROMOTE AC-**
7 **CESS TO VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING**
8 **FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**

9 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Subtitle A of title III of the
10 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.),
11 as amended by section 1031(a) and section 1044(a), is
12 amended—

13 (1) by redesignating sections 306 and 307 as
14 sections 307 and 308, respectively; and

15 (2) by inserting after section 305 the following
16 new section:

17 **“SEC. 306. ACCESS TO VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING**
18 **FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**

19 **“(a) TREATMENT OF APPLICATIONS AND BAL-**
20 **LOTS.—**Each State shall—

21 **“(1)** ensure that absentee registration forms,
22 absentee ballot applications, and absentee ballots
23 that are available electronically are accessible (as de-
24 fined in section 307);

1 “(2) permit individuals with disabilities to use
2 absentee registration procedures and to vote by ab-
3 sentee ballot in elections for Federal office;

4 “(3) accept and process, with respect to any
5 election for Federal office, any otherwise valid voter
6 registration application and absentee ballot applica-
7 tion from an individual with a disability if the appli-
8 cation is received by the appropriate State election
9 official within the deadline for the election which is
10 applicable under Federal law;

11 “(4) in addition to any other method of reg-
12 istering to vote or applying for an absentee ballot in
13 the State, establish procedures—

14 “(A) for individuals with disabilities to re-
15 quest by mail and electronically voter registra-
16 tion applications and absentee ballot applica-
17 tions with respect to elections for Federal office
18 in accordance with subsection (c);

19 “(B) for States to send by mail and elec-
20 tronically (in accordance with the preferred
21 method of transmission designated by the indi-
22 vidual under subparagraph (C)) voter registra-
23 tion applications and absentee ballot applica-
24 tions requested under subparagraph (A) in ac-
25 cordance with subsection (c); and

1 “(C) by which such an individual can des-
2 ignate whether the individual prefers that such
3 voter registration application or absentee ballot
4 application be transmitted by mail or electroni-
5 cally;

6 “(5) in addition to any other method of trans-
7 mitting blank absentee ballots in the State, establish
8 procedures for transmitting by mail and electroni-
9 cally blank absentee ballots to individuals with dis-
10 abilities with respect to elections for Federal office
11 in accordance with subsection (d); and

12 “(6) if the State declares or otherwise holds a
13 runoff election for Federal office, establish a written
14 plan that provides absentee ballots are made avail-
15 able to individuals with disabilities in a manner that
16 gives them sufficient time to vote in the runoff elec-
17 tion.

18 “(b) DESIGNATION OF SINGLE STATE OFFICE TO
19 PROVIDE INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION AND ABSEN-
20 TEE BALLOT PROCEDURES FOR VOTERS WITH DISABIL-
21 ITIES IN STATE.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall designate
23 a single office that shall be responsible for providing
24 information regarding voter registration procedures,
25 absentee ballot procedures, and in-person voting pro-

1 cedures to be used by individuals with disabilities
2 with respect to elections for Federal office to all in-
3 dividuals with disabilities who wish to register to
4 vote or vote in any jurisdiction in the State.

5 “(2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Each State shall,
6 through the office designated under paragraph (1)—

7 “(A) provide information to election offi-
8 cials—

9 “(i) on how to set up and operate ac-
10 cessible voting systems; and

11 “(ii) regarding the accessibility of vot-
12 ing procedures, including guidance on com-
13 patibility with assistive technologies such
14 as screen readers and ballot marking de-
15 vices;

16 “(B) integrate information on accessibility,
17 accommodations, disability, and older individ-
18 uals into regular training materials for poll
19 workers and election administration officials;

20 “(C) train poll workers on how to make
21 polling places accessible for individuals with dis-
22 abilities and older individuals;

23 “(D) promote the hiring of individuals with
24 disabilities and older individuals as poll workers
25 and election staff; and

1 “(E) publicly post the results of any audits
2 to determine the accessibility of polling places
3 not later than 6 months after the completion of
4 the audit.

5 “(c) DESIGNATION OF MEANS OF ELECTRONIC COM-
6 MUNICATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO
7 REQUEST AND FOR STATES TO SEND VOTER REGISTRA-
8 TION APPLICATIONS AND ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICA-
9 TIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES RELATED TO VOTING
10 INFORMATION.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall, in addi-
12 tion to the designation of a single State office under
13 subsection (b), designate not less than 1 means of
14 accessible electronic communication—

15 “(A) for use by individuals with disabilities
16 who wish to register to vote or vote in any ju-
17 risdiction in the State to request voter registra-
18 tion applications and absentee ballot applica-
19 tions under subsection (a)(4);

20 “(B) for use by States to send voter reg-
21 istration applications and absentee ballot appli-
22 cations requested under such subsection; and

23 “(C) for the purpose of providing related
24 voting, balloting, and election information to in-
25 dividuals with disabilities.

1 “(2) CLARIFICATION REGARDING PROVISION OF
2 MULTIPLE MEANS OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICA-
3 TION.—A State may, in addition to the means of
4 electronic communication so designated, provide
5 multiple means of electronic communication to indi-
6 viduals with disabilities, including a means of elec-
7 tronic communication for the appropriate jurisdic-
8 tion of the State.

9 “(3) INCLUSION OF DESIGNATED MEANS OF
10 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION WITH INFORMA-
11 TIONAL AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS THAT AC-
12 COMPANY BALLOTING MATERIALS.—Each State shall
13 include a means of electronic communication so des-
14 ignated with all informational and instructional ma-
15 terials that accompany balloting materials sent by
16 the State to individuals with disabilities.

17 “(4) TRANSMISSION IF NO PREFERENCE INDI-
18 CATED.—In the case in which an individual with a
19 disability does not designate a preference under sub-
20 section (a)(4)(C), the State shall transmit the voter
21 registration application or absentee ballot application
22 by any delivery method allowable in accordance with
23 applicable State law, or if there is no applicable
24 State law, by mail.

1 “(d) TRANSMISSION OF BLANK ABSENTEE BALLOTS
2 BY MAIL AND ELECTRONICALLY.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall establish
4 procedures—

5 “(A) to securely transmit blank absentee
6 ballots by mail and electronically (in accordance
7 with the preferred method of transmission des-
8 ignated by the individual with a disability under
9 subparagraph (B)) to individuals with disabil-
10 ities for an election for Federal office; and

11 “(B) by which the individual with a dis-
12 ability can designate whether the individual pre-
13 fers that such blank absentee ballot be trans-
14 mitted by mail or electronically.

15 “(2) TRANSMISSION IF NO PREFERENCE INDI-
16 CATED.—In the case where an individual with a dis-
17 ability does not designate a preference under para-
18 graph (1)(B), the State shall transmit the ballot by
19 any delivery method allowable in accordance with ap-
20 plicable State law, or if there is no applicable State
21 law, by mail.

22 “(3) APPLICATION OF METHODS TO TRACK DE-
23 LIVERY TO AND RETURN OF BALLOT BY INDIVIDUAL
24 REQUESTING BALLOT.—Under the procedures estab-
25 lished under paragraph (1), the State shall apply

1 such methods as the State considers appropriate,
2 such as assigning a unique identifier to the ballot
3 envelope, to ensure that if an individual with a dis-
4 ability requests the State to transmit a blank absen-
5 tee ballot to the individual in accordance with this
6 subsection, the voted absentee ballot that is returned
7 by the individual is the same blank absentee ballot
8 that the State transmitted to the individual.

9 “(e) INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY DEFINED.—In
10 this section, an ‘individual with a disability’ means an in-
11 dividual with an impairment that substantially limits any
12 major life activities and who is otherwise qualified to vote
13 in elections for Federal office.

14 “(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply
15 with respect to elections for Federal office held on or after
16 January 1, 2024.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO
18 ISSUANCE OF VOLUNTARY GUIDANCE BY ELECTION AS-
19 SISTANCE COMMISSION.—

20 (1) TIMING OF ISSUANCE.—Section 311(b) of
21 such Act (52 U.S.C. 21101(b)) is amended—

22 (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-
23 graph (2);

24 (B) by striking the period at the end of
25 paragraph (3) and inserting “; and”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(4) in the case of the recommendations with
4 respect to section 306, January 1, 2024.”.

5 (2) REDESIGNATION.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Title III of such Act
7 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.) is amended by redesi-
8 gnating sections 311 and 312 as sections 321
9 and 322, respectively.

10 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
11 321(a) of such Act, as redesignated by subpara-
12 graph (A), is amended by striking “section
13 312” and inserting “section 322”.

14 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents
15 of such Act, as amended by section 1031(c) and section
16 1044(b), is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
18 tions 306 and 307 as relating to sections 307 and
19 308, respectively; and

20 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
21 tion 305 the following new item:

“Sec. 306. Access to voter registration and voting for individuals with disabili-
ties.”.

1 **SEC. 1102. ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE**
2 **ACCESSIBLE ELECTION WEBSITES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title III of the Help
4 America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.), as
5 amended by section 1031(a), section 1044(a), and section
6 1101(a), is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating sections 307 and 308 as
8 sections 308 and 309, respectively; and

9 (2) by inserting after section 306 the following:

10 **“SEC. 307. ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF ACCES-**
11 **SIBLE ELECTION WEBSITES.**

12 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**Not later than January 1, 2025,
13 each State shall establish a single election website that is
14 accessible and meets the following requirements:

15 **“(1) LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS.—**The
16 website shall provide local election officials, poll
17 workers, and volunteers with—

18 **“(A)** guidance to ensure that polling places
19 are accessible for individuals with disabilities
20 and older individuals in a manner that provides
21 the same opportunity for access and participa-
22 tion (including privacy and independence) as for
23 other voters; and

24 **“(B)** online training and resources on—

25 **“(i)** how best to promote the access
26 and participation of individuals with dis-

1 abilities and older individuals in elections
2 for public office; and

3 “(ii) the voting rights and protections
4 for individuals with disabilities and older
5 individuals under State and Federal law.

6 “(2) VOTERS.—The website shall provide infor-
7 mation about voting, including—

8 “(A) the accessibility of all polling places
9 within the State, including outreach programs
10 to inform individuals about the availability of
11 accessible polling places;

12 “(B) how to register to vote and confirm
13 voter registration in the State;

14 “(C) the location and operating hours of
15 all polling places in the State;

16 “(D) the availability of aid or assistance
17 for individuals with disabilities and older indi-
18 viduals to cast their vote in a manner that pro-
19 vides the same opportunity for access and par-
20 ticipation (including privacy and independence)
21 as for other voters at polling places;

22 “(E) the availability of transportation aid
23 or assistance to the polling place for individuals
24 with disabilities or older individuals;

1 “(F) the rights and protections under
2 State and Federal law for individuals with dis-
3 abilities and older individuals to participate in
4 elections; and

5 “(G) how to contact State, local, and Fed-
6 eral officials with complaints or grievances if in-
7 dividuals with disabilities, older individuals, Na-
8 tive Americans, Alaska Natives, and individuals
9 with limited proficiency in the English language
10 feel their ability to register to vote or vote has
11 been blocked or delayed.

12 “(b) PARTNERSHIP WITH OUTSIDE TECHNICAL OR-
13 GANIZATION.—The chief State election official of each
14 State, through the committee of appropriate individuals
15 under subsection (c)(2), shall partner with an outside
16 technical organization with demonstrated experience in es-
17 tablishing accessible and easy to use accessible election
18 websites to—

19 “(1) update an existing election website of the
20 State to make the website fully accessible in accord-
21 ance with this section; or

22 “(2) develop an election website of the State
23 that is fully accessible in accordance with this sec-
24 tion.

25 “(c) STATE PLAN.—

1 “(1) DEVELOPMENT.—The chief State election
2 official of each State shall, through a committee of
3 appropriate individuals as described in paragraph
4 (2), develop a State plan that describes how the
5 State and local governments will meet the require-
6 ments under this section.

7 “(2) COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.—The com-
8 mittee shall comprise at least the following individ-
9 uals:

10 “(A) The chief election officials of the 4
11 most populous jurisdictions within the State.

12 “(B) The chief election officials of the 4
13 least populous jurisdictions within the State.

14 “(C) Representatives from 2 disability ad-
15 vocacy groups, including not fewer than 1 such
16 representative who is an individual with a dis-
17 ability.

18 “(D) Representatives from 2 older indi-
19 vidual advocacy groups, including not fewer
20 than 1 such representative who is an older indi-
21 vidual.

22 “(E) Representatives from 2 independent
23 non-governmental organizations with expertise
24 in establishing and maintaining accessible
25 websites.

1 “(F) Representatives from 2 independent
2 non-governmental voting rights organizations.

3 “(G) Representatives from State protection
4 and advocacy systems, as defined in section 102
5 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance
6 and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C.
7 15002).

8 “(d) PARTNERSHIP TO MONITOR AND VERIFY AC-
9 CESSIBILITY.—The chief State election official of each eli-
10 gible State, through the committee of appropriate individ-
11 uals established under subsection (c)(2), shall partner with
12 not fewer than 2 of the following organizations to monitor
13 and verify the accessibility of the election website of the
14 State and the completeness of the election information and
15 the accuracy of the disability information provided on such
16 website:

17 “(1) University Centers for Excellence in Devel-
18 opmental Disabilities Education, Research, and
19 Services established under subtitle D of title I of the
20 Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of
21 Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15061 et seq.).

22 “(2) Centers for independent living, as de-
23 scribed in part C of title VII of the Rehabilitation
24 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 796f et seq.).

1 “(3) The State Council on Developmental Dis-
2 abilities established under section 125 of the Devel-
3 opmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights
4 Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15025).

5 “(4) State protection and advocacy systems, as
6 defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabil-
7 ities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42
8 U.S.C. 15002).

9 “(5) Statewide Independent Living Councils es-
10 tablished under section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act
11 of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 796d).

12 “(6) State programs established under the As-
13 sistive Technology Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 3001 et
14 seq.).

15 “(7) A visual access advocacy organization.

16 “(8) An organization for the deaf.

17 “(9) A mental health organization.

18 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section,
19 section 305, and section 307:

20 “(1) ACCESSIBLE.—The term ‘accessible’
21 means—

22 “(A) in the case of the election website
23 under subsection (a) or an electronic commu-
24 nication under section 305—

1 “(i) that the functions and content of
2 the website or electronic communication,
3 including all text, visual, and aural con-
4 tent, are as accessible to people with dis-
5 abilities as to those without disabilities;

6 “(ii) that the functions and content of
7 the website or electronic communication
8 are accessible to individuals with limited
9 proficiency in the English language; and

10 “(iii) that the website or electronic
11 communication meets, at a minimum, con-
12 formance to Level AA of the Web Content
13 Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 of the Web Ac-
14 cessibility Initiative (or any successor
15 guidelines); and

16 “(B) in the case of a facility (including a
17 polling place), that the facility is readily acces-
18 sible to and usable by individuals with disabili-
19 ties and older individuals, as determined under
20 the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
21 of the Department of Justice, published on Sep-
22 tember 15, 2010 (or any successor standards).

23 “(2) INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.—The
24 term ‘individual with a disability’ means an indi-
25 vidual with a disability, as defined in section 3 of the

1 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
2 12102), and who is otherwise qualified to vote in
3 elections for Federal office.

4 “(3) OLDER INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘older in-
5 dividual’ means an individual who is 60 years of age
6 or older and who is otherwise qualified to vote in
7 elections for Federal office.”.

8 (b) VOLUNTARY GUIDANCE.—Section 321(b)(4) of
9 such Act (52 U.S.C. 21101(b)), as added and redesignated
10 by section 1101(b), is amended by striking “section 306”
11 and inserting “sections 306 and 307”.

12 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents
13 of such Act, as amended by section 1031(c), section
14 1044(b), and section 1101(c), is amended—

15 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
16 tions 307 and 308 as relating to sections 308 and
17 309, respectively; and

18 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
19 tion 306 the following new item:

“Sec. 307. Establishment and maintenance of accessible election websites.”.

20 **SEC. 1103. PROTECTIONS FOR IN-PERSON VOTING FOR IN-**
21 **DIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND OLDER**
22 **INDIVIDUALS.**

23 (a) REQUIREMENT.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title III of the
25 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081

1 et seq.), as amended by section 1031(a), section
2 1044(a), section 1101(a), and section 1102(a), is
3 amended—

4 (A) by redesignating sections 308 and 309
5 as sections 309 and 310, respectively; and

6 (B) by inserting after section 307 the fol-
7 lowing:

8 **“SEC. 308. ACCESS TO VOTING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DIS-**
9 **ABILITIES AND OLDER INDIVIDUALS.**

10 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**Each State shall—

11 “(1) ensure all polling places within the State
12 are accessible, as defined in section 306;

13 “(2) consider procedures to address long wait
14 times at polling places that allow individuals with
15 disabilities and older individuals alternate options to
16 cast a ballot in person in an election for Federal of-
17 fice, such as the option to cast a ballot outside of
18 the polling place or from a vehicle, or providing an
19 expedited voting line; and

20 “(3) consider options to establish mobile polling
21 sites to allow election officials or volunteers to travel
22 to long-term care facilities and assist residents who
23 request assistance in casting a ballot in order to
24 maintain the privacy and independence of voters in
25 those facilities.

1 “(b) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in this section shall
2 be construed to alter the requirements under Federal law
3 that all polling places for Federal elections are accessible
4 to individuals with disabilities and older individuals.

5 “(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply
6 with respect to elections for Federal office held on or after
7 January 1, 2026.”.

8 (2) VOLUNTARY GUIDANCE.—Section 321(b)(4)
9 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 21101(b)), as added and re-
10 designated by section 1101(b) and as amended by
11 section 1102(b), is amended by striking “and 307”
12 and inserting “, 307, and 308”.

13 (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of
14 contents of such Act, as amended by section
15 1031(e), section 1044(b), section 1101(c), and sec-
16 tion 1102(e), is amended—

17 (A) by redesignating the items relating to
18 sections 308 and 309 as relating to sections
19 309 and 310, respectively; and

20 (B) by inserting after the item relating to
21 section 307 the following new item:

“Sec. 308. Access to voting for individuals with disabilities and older individ-
uals.”.

22 (b) REVISIONS TO VOTING ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE
23 ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED ACT.—

1 (1) REPORTS TO ELECTION ASSISTANCE COM-
2 MISSION.—Section 3(c) of the Voting Accessibility
3 for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (52 U.S.C.
4 20102(c)) is amended—

5 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
6 “FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION” and in-
7 serting “ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION”;

8 (B) in each of paragraphs (1) and (2), by
9 striking “Federal Election Commission” and in-
10 serting “Election Assistance Commission”; and

11 (C) by striking paragraph (3).

12 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO
13 REFERENCES.—The Voting Accessibility for the El-
14 derly and Handicapped Act (52 U.S.C. 20101 et
15 seq.), as amended by paragraph (1), is amended—

16 (A) by striking “handicapped and elderly
17 individuals” each place it appears and inserting
18 “individuals with disabilities and older individ-
19 uals”;

20 (B) by striking “handicapped and elderly
21 voters” each place it appears and inserting “in-
22 dividuals with disabilities and older individ-
23 uals”;

24 (C) in section 3(b)(2)(B), by striking
25 “handicapped or elderly voter” and inserting

1 “individual with a disability or older indi-
2 vidual”;

3 (D) in section 5(b), by striking “handi-
4 capped voter” and inserting “individual with a
5 disability”; and

6 (E) in section 8—

7 (i) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2)
8 and inserting the following:

9 “(1) ‘accessible’ has the meaning given that
10 term in section 307 of the Help America Vote Act
11 of 2002, as added by section 1102(a) of the Free-
12 dom to Vote Act;

13 “(2) ‘older individual’ has the meaning given
14 that term in such section 307;” and

15 (ii) by striking paragraph (4), and in-
16 serting the following:

17 “(4) ‘individual with a disability’ has the mean-
18 ing given that term in such section 306; and”.

19 (3) SHORT TITLE AMENDMENT.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1 of the Voting
21 Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped
22 Act (Public Law 98-435; 42 U.S.C. 1973ee
23 note) is amended by striking “for the Elderly
24 and Handicapped” and inserting “for Individ-
25 uals with Disabilities and Older Individuals”.

1 (B) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any
2 other provision of law, regulation, document,
3 paper, or other record of the United States to
4 the “Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and
5 Handicapped Act” shall be deemed to be a ref-
6 erence to the “Voting Accessibility for Individ-
7 uals with Disabilities and Older Individuals
8 Act”.

9 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
10 by this subsection shall take effect on January 1,
11 2026, and shall apply with respect to elections for
12 Federal office held on or after that date.

13 **SEC. 1104. PROTECTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO**
14 **GUARDIANSHIP.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title III of the Help
16 America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.), as
17 amended by section 1031(a), section 1044(a), section
18 1101(a), section 1102(a), and section 1103(a)(1), is
19 amended—

20 (1) by redesignating sections 309 and 310 as
21 sections 310 and 311, respectively; and

22 (2) by inserting after section 308 the following:

1 **“SEC. 309. PROTECTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO**
2 **GUARDIANSHIP.**

3 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—A State shall not determine that
4 an individual lacks the capacity to vote in an election for
5 Federal office on the ground that the individual is subject
6 to guardianship, unless a court of competent jurisdiction
7 issues a court order finding by clear and convincing evi-
8 dence that the individual cannot communicate, with or
9 without accommodations, a desire to participate in the vot-
10 ing process.

11 “(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section shall apply
12 with respect to elections for Federal office held on or after
13 January 1, 2024.”.

14 (b) **VOLUNTARY GUIDANCE.**—Section 321(b)(4) of
15 such Act (52 U.S.C. 21101(b)), as added and redesignated
16 by section 1101(b) and as amended by sections 1102 and
17 1103, is amended by striking “and 308” and inserting
18 “308, and 309”.

19 (c) **CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**—The table of contents
20 of such Act, as amended by section 1031(e), section
21 1044(b), section 1101(c), section 1102(c), and section
22 1103(a)(3), is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
24 tions 309 and 310 as relating to sections 310 and
25 311, respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
2 tion 308 the following new item:

“Sec. 309. Protections for individuals subject to guardianship.”.

3 **SEC. 1105. EXPANSION AND REAUTHORIZATION OF GRANT**
4 **PROGRAM TO ASSURE VOTING ACCESS FOR**
5 **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**

6 (a) **PURPOSES OF PAYMENTS.**—Section 261(b) of the
7 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21021(b)) is
8 amended by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting
9 the following:

10 “(1) making absentee voting and voting at
11 home accessible to individuals with the full range of
12 disabilities (including impairments involving vision,
13 hearing, mobility, or dexterity) through the imple-
14 mentation of accessible absentee voting systems that
15 work in conjunction with assistive technologies for
16 which individuals have access at their homes, inde-
17 pendent living centers, or other facilities;

18 “(2) making polling places, including the path
19 of travel, entrances, exits, and voting areas of each
20 polling facility, accessible to individuals with disabil-
21 ities, including the blind and visually impaired, in a
22 manner that provides the same opportunity for ac-
23 cess and participation (including privacy and inde-
24 pendence) as for other voters; and

1 “(3) providing solutions to problems of access
2 to voting and elections for individuals with disabil-
3 ities that are universally designed and provide the
4 same opportunities for individuals with and without
5 disabilities.”.

6 (b) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 264(a) of such Act
7 (52 U.S.C. 21024(a)) is amended by adding at the end
8 the following new paragraph:

9 “(4) For fiscal year 2024 and each succeeding
10 fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary to carry
11 out this part.”.

12 (c) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Section
13 264 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 21024) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “Any
15 amounts” and inserting “Except as provided in sub-
16 section (c), any amounts”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
18 section:

19 “(e) RETURN AND TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS.—

20 “(1) DEADLINE FOR OBLIGATION AND EXPEND-
21 ITURE.—In the case of any amounts appropriated
22 pursuant to the authority of subsection (a) for a
23 payment to a State or unit of local government for
24 fiscal year 2024 or any succeeding fiscal year, any
25 portion of such amounts which have not been obli-

1 gated or expended by the State or unit of local gov-
2 ernment prior to the expiration of the 4-year period
3 that begins on the date the State or unit of local
4 government first received the amounts shall be
5 transferred to the Commission.

6 “(2) REALLOCATION OF TRANSFERRED
7 AMOUNTS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall
9 use the amounts transferred under paragraph
10 (1) to make payments on a pro rata basis to
11 each covered payment recipient described in
12 subparagraph (B), which may obligate and ex-
13 pend such payment for the purposes described
14 in section 261(b) during the 1-year period
15 which begins on the date of receipt.

16 “(B) COVERED PAYMENT RECIPIENTS DE-
17 SCRIBED.—In subparagraph (A), a ‘covered
18 payment recipient’ is a State or unit of local
19 government with respect to which—

20 “(i) amounts were appropriated pur-
21 suant to the authority of subsection (a);
22 and

23 “(ii) no amounts were transferred to
24 the Commission under paragraph (1).”.

1 **SEC. 1106. PILOT PROGRAMS FOR ENABLING INDIVIDUALS**
2 **WITH DISABILITIES TO REGISTER TO VOTE**
3 **PRIVATELY AND INDEPENDENTLY AT RESI-**
4 **DENCES.**

5 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAMS.**—The
6 Election Assistance Commission (hereafter referred to as
7 the “Commission”) shall, subject to the availability of ap-
8 propriations to carry out this section, make grants to eligi-
9 ble States to conduct pilot programs under which individ-
10 uals with disabilities may use electronic means (including
11 the internet and telephones utilizing assistive devices) to
12 register to vote and to request and receive absentee ballots
13 in a manner which permits such individuals to do so pri-
14 vately and independently at their own residences.

15 (b) **REPORTS.**—

16 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—A State receiving a grant for
17 a year under this section shall submit a report to the
18 Commission on the pilot programs the State carried
19 out with the grant with respect to elections for pub-
20 lic office held in the State during the year.

21 (2) **DEADLINE.**—A State shall submit a report
22 under paragraph (1) not later than 90 days after
23 the last election for public office held in the State
24 during the year.

25 (c) **ELIGIBILITY.**—A State is eligible to receive a
26 grant under this section if the State submits to the Com-

1 mission, at such time and in such form as the Commission
2 may require, an application containing such information
3 and assurances as the Commission may require.

4 (d) TIMING.—The Commission shall make the first
5 grants under this section for pilot programs which will be
6 in effect with respect to elections for Federal office held
7 in 2024, or, at the option of a State, with respect to other
8 elections for public office held in the State in 2024.

9 (e) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
10 “State” includes the District of Columbia, the Common-
11 wealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the
12 United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of
13 the Northern Mariana Islands.

14 **SEC. 1107. GAO ANALYSIS AND REPORT ON VOTING ACCESS**
15 **FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**

16 (a) ANALYSIS.—The Comptroller General of the
17 United States shall conduct an analysis after each regu-
18 larly scheduled general election for Federal office with re-
19 spect to the following:

20 (1) In relation to polling places located in
21 houses of worship or other facilities that may be ex-
22 empt from accessibility requirements under the
23 Americans with Disabilities Act—

24 (A) efforts to overcome accessibility chal-
25 lenges posed by such facilities; and

1 (B) the extent to which such facilities are
2 used as polling places in elections for Federal
3 office.

4 (2) Assistance provided by the Election Assist-
5 ance Commission, Department of Justice, or other
6 Federal agencies to help State and local officials im-
7 prove voting access for individuals with disabilities
8 during elections for Federal office.

9 (3) When accessible voting machines are avail-
10 able at a polling place, the extent to which such ma-
11 chines—

12 (A) are located in places that are difficult
13 to access;

14 (B) malfunction; or

15 (C) fail to provide sufficient privacy to en-
16 sure that the ballot of the individual cannot be
17 seen by another individual.

18 (4) The process by which Federal, State, and
19 local governments track compliance with accessibility
20 requirements related to voting access, including
21 methods to receive and address complaints.

22 (5) The extent to which poll workers receive
23 training on how to assist individuals with disabil-
24 ities, including the receipt by such poll workers of

1 information on legal requirements related to voting
2 rights for individuals with disabilities.

3 (6) The extent and effectiveness of training pro-
4 vided to poll workers on the operation of accessible
5 voting machines.

6 (7) The extent to which individuals with a de-
7 velopmental or psychiatric disability experience
8 greater barriers to voting, and whether poll worker
9 training adequately addresses the needs of such indi-
10 viduals.

11 (8) The extent to which State or local govern-
12 ments employ, or attempt to employ, individuals
13 with disabilities to work at polling sites.

14 (b) REPORT.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 9 months
16 after the date of a regularly scheduled general elec-
17 tion for Federal office, the Comptroller General shall
18 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
19 a report with respect to the most recent regularly
20 scheduled general election for Federal office that
21 contains the following:

22 (A) The analysis required by subsection

23 (a).

24 (B) Recommendations, as appropriate, to
25 promote the use of best practices used by State

1 and local officials to address barriers to accessi-
2 bility and privacy concerns for individuals with
3 disabilities in elections for Federal office.

4 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
5 TEES.—For purposes of this subsection, the term
6 “appropriate congressional committees” means—

7 (A) the Committee on House Administra-
8 tion of the House of Representatives;

9 (B) the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
10 tration of the Senate;

11 (C) the Committee on Appropriations of
12 the House of Representatives; and

13 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
14 the Senate.

15 **Subtitle C—Early Voting**

16 **SEC. 1201. EARLY VOTING.**

17 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Subtitle A of title III of the
18 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.),
19 as amended by section 1031(a), section 1044(a), section
20 1101(a), section 1102(a), section 1103(a), and section
21 1104(a), is amended—

22 (1) by redesignating sections 310 and 311 as
23 sections 311 and 312, respectively; and

24 (2) by inserting after section 309 the following
25 new section:

1 **“SEC. 310. EARLY VOTING.**

2 “(a) **REQUIRING VOTING PRIOR TO DATE OF ELEC-**
3 **TION.**—Each election jurisdiction shall allow individuals to
4 vote in an election for Federal office during an early voting
5 period which occurs prior to the date of the election, in
6 a manner that allows the individual to receive, complete,
7 and cast their ballot in person.

8 “(b) **MINIMUM EARLY VOTING REQUIREMENTS.**—

9 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—

10 “(A) **LENGTH OF PERIOD.**—The early vot-
11 ing period required under this subsection with
12 respect to an election shall consist of a period
13 of consecutive days (including weekends) which
14 begins on the 15th day before the date of the
15 election (or, at the option of the State, on a day
16 prior to the 15th day before the date of the
17 election) and ends no earlier than the second
18 day before the date of the election.

19 “(B) **HOURS FOR EARLY VOTING.**—Each
20 polling place which allows voting during an
21 early voting period under subparagraph (A)
22 shall—

23 “(i) allow such voting for no less than
24 10 hours on each day during the period;

25 “(ii) have uniform hours each day for
26 which such voting occurs; and

1 “(iii) allow such voting to be held for
2 some period of time prior to 9:00 a.m.
3 (local time) and some period of time after
4 5:00 p.m. (local time).

5 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTE-BY-MAIL JURIS-
6 DICTIONS.—In the case of a jurisdiction that sends
7 every registered voter a ballot by mail—

8 “(A) paragraph (1) shall not apply;

9 “(B) such jurisdiction shall allow eligible
10 individuals to vote during an early voting period
11 that ensures voters are provided the greatest
12 opportunity to cast ballots ahead of Election
13 Day and which includes at least one consecutive
14 Saturday and Sunday; and

15 “(C) each polling place which allows voting
16 during an early voting period under subpara-
17 graph (B) shall allow such voting—

18 “(i) during the election office’s reg-
19 ular business hours; and

20 “(ii) for a period of not less than 8
21 hours on Saturdays and Sundays included
22 in the early voting period.

23 “(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL JURISDIC-
24 TIONS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a juris-
2 diction described in subparagraph (B), para-
3 graph (1)(B) shall not apply so long as all eligi-
4 ble individuals in the jurisdiction have the op-
5 portunity to vote—

6 “(i) at each polling place which allows
7 voting during the early voting period de-
8 scribed in paragraph (1)(A)—

9 “(I) during the election office’s
10 regular business hours; and

11 “(II) for a period of not less than
12 8 hours on at least one Saturday and
13 at least one Sunday included in the
14 early voting period; or

15 “(ii) at 1 or more polling places in the
16 county in which such jurisdiction is located
17 that allows voting during the early voting
18 period described in paragraph (1)(A) in ac-
19 cordance with the requirements under
20 paragraph (1)(B).

21 “(B) JURISDICTION DESCRIBED.—A juris-
22 diction is described in this subparagraph if such
23 jurisdiction—

1 “(i) had less than 3,000 registered
2 voters at the time of the most recent prior
3 election for Federal office; and

4 “(ii) consists of a geographic area
5 that is smaller than the jurisdiction of the
6 county in which such jurisdiction is lo-
7 cated.

8 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
9 this subsection shall be construed—

10 “(A) to limit the availability of additional
11 temporary voting sites which provide voters
12 more opportunities to cast their ballots but
13 which do not meet the requirements of this sub-
14 section;

15 “(B) to limit a polling place from being
16 open for additional hours outside of the uniform
17 hours set for the polling location on any day of
18 the early voting period; or

19 “(C) to limit a State or jurisdiction from
20 offering early voting on the Monday before
21 Election Day.

22 “(c) AVAILABILITY OF POLLING PLACES.—To the
23 greatest extent practicable, each State and jurisdiction
24 shall—

1 “(1) ensure that there are an appropriate num-
2 ber of polling places which allow voting during an
3 early voting period; and

4 “(2) ensure that such polling places provide the
5 greatest opportunity for residents of the jurisdiction
6 to vote.

7 “(d) LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES.—

8 “(1) PROXIMITY TO PUBLIC TRANSPOR-
9 TATION.—To the greatest extent practicable, each
10 State and jurisdiction shall ensure that each polling
11 place which allows voting during an early voting pe-
12 riod under subsection (b) is located within walking
13 distance of a stop on a public transportation route.

14 “(2) AVAILABILITY IN RURAL AREAS.—In the
15 case of a jurisdiction that includes a rural area, the
16 State or jurisdiction shall—

17 “(A) ensure that an appropriate number of
18 polling places, but not less than 1, that allow
19 voting during an early voting period under sub-
20 section (b) will be located in such rural areas;
21 and

22 “(B) ensure that such polling places are lo-
23 cated in communities which will provide the
24 greatest opportunity for residents of rural areas
25 to vote during the early voting period.

1 “(3) CAMPUSES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
2 EDUCATION.—In the case of a jurisdiction that is
3 not considered a vote by mail jurisdiction described
4 in subsection (b)(2) or a small jurisdiction described
5 in subsection (b)(3) and that includes an institution
6 of higher education (as defined under section 102 of
7 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
8 1002)), including a branch campus of such an insti-
9 tution, the State or jurisdiction shall—

10 “(A) ensure that an appropriate number of
11 polling places, but not less than 1, that allow
12 voting during the early voting period under sub-
13 section (b) will be located on the physical cam-
14 pus of each such institution, including each
15 such branch campus; and

16 “(B) ensure that such polling places pro-
17 vide the greatest opportunity for residents of
18 the jurisdiction to vote.

19 “(e) STANDARDS.—Not later than June 30, 2024,
20 the Commission shall issue voluntary standards for the ad-
21 ministration of voting during voting periods which occur
22 prior to the date of a Federal election. Subject to sub-
23 section (d), such voluntary standards shall include the
24 nondiscriminatory geographic placement of polling places
25 at which such voting occurs.

1 “(f) BALLOT PROCESSING AND SCANNING REQUIRE-
2 MENTS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State or jurisdiction
4 shall begin processing and scanning ballots cast dur-
5 ing in-person early voting for tabulation not later
6 than the date that is 14 days prior to the date of
7 the election involved, except that a State or jurisdic-
8 tion may begin processing and scanning ballots cast
9 during in-person early voting for tabulation after
10 such date if the date on which the State or jurisdic-
11 tion begins such processing and scanning ensures, to
12 the greatest extent practical, that ballots cast before
13 the date of the election are processed and scanned
14 before the date of the election.

15 “(2) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this subsection
16 shall be construed—

17 “(A) to permit a State or jurisdiction to
18 tabulate ballots in an election before the closing
19 of the polls on the date of the election unless
20 such tabulation is a necessary component of
21 preprocessing in the State or jurisdiction and is
22 performed in accordance with existing State
23 law; or

24 “(B) to permit an official to make public
25 any results of tabulation and processing before

1 the closing of the polls on the date of the elec-
2 tion.

3 “(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply
4 with respect to the regularly scheduled general election for
5 Federal office held in November 2024 and each succeeding
6 election for Federal office.”.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO
8 ISSUANCE OF VOLUNTARY GUIDANCE BY ELECTION AS-
9 SISTANCE COMMISSION.—Section 321(b) of such Act (52
10 U.S.C. 21101(b)), as redesignated and amended by sec-
11 tion 1101(b), is amended—

12 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph

13 (3);

14 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
15 graph (4) and inserting “; and”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

18 “(5) except as provided in paragraph (4), in the
19 case of the recommendations with respect to any sec-
20 tion added by the Freedom to Vote Act, June 30,
21 2024.”.

22 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents
23 of such Act, as amended by section 1031(c), section
24 1044(b), section 1101(c), section 1102(c), section
25 1103(a), and section 1104(c), is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
2 tions 310 and 311 as relating to sections 311 and
3 312, respectively; and

4 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
5 tion 309 the following new item:

“Sec. 310. Early voting.”.

6 **Subtitle D—Voting by Mail**

7 **SEC. 1301. VOTING BY MAIL.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

9 (1) REQUIREMENTS.—Subtitle A of title III of
10 the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C.
11 21081 et seq.), as amended by section 1031(a), sec-
12 tion 1044(a), section 1101(a), section 1102(a), sec-
13 tion 1103(a), section 1104(a), and section 1201(a),
14 is amended—

15 (A) by redesignating sections 311 and 312
16 as sections 312 and 313, respectively; and

17 (B) by inserting after section 310 the fol-
18 lowing new section:

19 **“SEC. 311. PROMOTING ABILITY OF VOTERS TO VOTE BY**
20 **MAIL.**

21 **“(a) UNIFORM AVAILABILITY OF ABSENTEE VOTING**
22 **TO ALL VOTERS.—**

23 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**If an individual in a State
24 is eligible to cast a vote in an election for Federal
25 office, the State may not impose any additional con-

1 ditions or requirements on the eligibility of the indi-
2 vidual to cast the vote in such election by absentee
3 ballot by mail.

4 “(2) ADMINISTRATION OF VOTING BY MAIL.—

5 “(A) PROHIBITING IDENTIFICATION RE-
6 QUIREMENT AS CONDITION OF OBTAINING OR
7 CASTING BALLOT.—A State may not require an
8 individual to submit any form of identifying
9 document as a condition of obtaining or casting
10 an absentee ballot, except that nothing in this
11 subparagraph may be construed to prevent a
12 State from requiring—

13 “(i) the information required to com-
14 plete an application for voter registration
15 for an election for Federal office under sec-
16 tion 303(a)(5)(A), provided that a State
17 may not deny a voter a ballot or the oppor-
18 tunity to cast it on the grounds that the
19 voter does not possess a current and valid
20 driver’s license number or a social security
21 number; or

22 “(ii) a signature of the individual or
23 similar affirmation as a condition of ob-
24 taining or casting an absentee ballot.

1 “(B) PROHIBITING FAULTY MATCHING RE-
2 QUIREMENTS FOR IDENTIFYING INFORMA-
3 TION.—A State may not deny a voter an absen-
4 tee ballot or reject an absentee ballot cast by a
5 voter—

6 “(i) on the grounds that the voter
7 provided a different form of identifying in-
8 formation under subparagraph (A) than
9 the voter originally provided when reg-
10 istering to vote or when requesting an ab-
11 sentee ballot; or

12 “(ii) due to an error in, or omission
13 of, identifying information required by a
14 State under subparagraph (A), if such
15 error or omission is not material to an in-
16 dividual’s eligibility to vote under section
17 2004(a)(2)(B) of the Revised Statutes (52
18 U.S.C. 10101(a)(2)(B)).

19 “(C) PROHIBITING REQUIREMENT TO PRO-
20 VIDE NOTARIZATION OR WITNESS SIGNATURE
21 AS CONDITION OF OBTAINING OR CASTING BAL-
22 LOT.—A State may not require notarization or
23 witness signature or other formal authentica-
24 tion (other than voter attestation) as a condi-
25 tion of obtaining or casting an absentee ballot,

1 except that nothing in this subparagraph may
2 be construed to prohibit a State from enforcing
3 a law which has a witness signature require-
4 ment for a ballot where a voter oath is attested
5 to with a mark rather than a voter's signature.

6 “(3) NO EFFECT ON IDENTIFICATION REQUIRE-
7 MENTS FOR FIRST-TIME VOTERS REGISTERING BY
8 MAIL.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed
9 to exempt any individual described in paragraph (1)
10 of section 303(b) from meeting the requirements of
11 paragraph (2) of such section or to exempt an indi-
12 vidual described in paragraph (5)(A) of section
13 303(b) from meeting the requirements of paragraph
14 (5)(B).

15 “(b) DUE PROCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR STATES
16 REQUIRING SIGNATURE VERIFICATION.—

17 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State may not im-
19 pose a signature verification requirement as a
20 condition of accepting and counting a mail-in
21 ballot or absentee ballot submitted by any indi-
22 vidual with respect to an election for Federal
23 office unless the State meets the due process re-
24 quirements described in paragraph (2).

1 “(B) SIGNATURE VERIFICATION REQUIRE-
2 MENT DESCRIBED.—In this subsection, a ‘sig-
3 nature verification requirement’ is a require-
4 ment that an election official verify the identi-
5 fication of an individual by comparing the sig-
6 nature of the individual on the mail-in ballot or
7 absentee ballot with the individual’s signature
8 on the official list of registered voters in the
9 State or another official record or other docu-
10 ment used by the State to verify the signatures
11 of voters.

12 “(2) DUE PROCESS REQUIREMENTS.—

13 “(A) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE
14 DISCREPANCY IN SIGNATURES.—If an indi-
15 vidual submits a mail-in ballot or an absentee
16 ballot and the appropriate State or local elec-
17 tion official determines that a discrepancy ex-
18 ists between the signature on such ballot and
19 the signature of such individual on the official
20 list of registered voters in the State or other of-
21 ficial record or document used by the State to
22 verify the signatures of voters, such election of-
23 ficial, prior to making a final determination as
24 to the validity of such ballot, shall—

1 “(i) as soon as practical, but not later
2 than the next business day after such de-
3 termination is made, make a good faith ef-
4 fort to notify the individual by mail, tele-
5 phone, and (if available) text message and
6 electronic mail that—

7 “(I) a discrepancy exists between
8 the signature on such ballot and the
9 signature of the individual on the offi-
10 cial list of registered voters in the
11 State or other official record or docu-
12 ment used by the State to verify the
13 signatures of voters; and

14 “(II) if such discrepancy is not
15 cured prior to the expiration of the
16 third day following the State’s dead-
17 line for receiving mail-in ballots or ab-
18 sentee ballots, such ballot will not be
19 counted; and

20 “(ii) cure such discrepancy and count
21 the ballot if, prior to the expiration of the
22 third day following the State’s deadline for
23 receiving mail-in ballots or absentee bal-
24 lots, the individual provides the official
25 with information to cure such discrepancy,

1 either in person, by telephone, or by elec-
2 tronic methods.

3 “(B) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE
4 MISSING SIGNATURE OR OTHER DEFECT.—If an
5 individual submits a mail-in ballot or an absen-
6 tee ballot without a signature or submits a
7 mail-in ballot or an absentee ballot with another
8 defect which, if left uncured, would cause the
9 ballot to not be counted, the appropriate State
10 or local election official, prior to making a final
11 determination as to the validity of the ballot,
12 shall—

13 “(i) as soon as practical, but not later
14 than the next business day after such de-
15 termination is made, make a good faith ef-
16 fort to notify the individual by mail, tele-
17 phone, and (if available) text message and
18 electronic mail that—

19 “(I) the ballot did not include a
20 signature or has some other defect;
21 and

22 “(II) if the individual does not
23 provide the missing signature or cure
24 the other defect prior to the expira-
25 tion of the third day following the

1 State's deadline for receiving mail-in
2 ballots or absentee ballots, such ballot
3 will not be counted; and

4 "(ii) count the ballot if, prior to the
5 expiration of the third day following the
6 State's deadline for receiving mail-in bal-
7 lots or absentee ballots, the individual pro-
8 vides the official with the missing signa-
9 ture on a form proscribed by the State or
10 cures the other defect.

11 This subparagraph does not apply with respect
12 to a defect consisting of the failure of a ballot
13 to meet the applicable deadline for the accept-
14 ance of the ballot, as described in subsection
15 (e).

16 "(C) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—

17 "(i) IN GENERAL.—An election official
18 may not make a determination that a dis-
19 crepancy exists between the signature on a
20 mail-in ballot or an absentee ballot and the
21 signature of the individual on the official
22 list of registered voters in the State or
23 other official record or other document
24 used by the State to verify the signatures
25 of voters unless—

1 “(I) not fewer than 2 election of-
2 ficials make the determination;

3 “(II) each official who makes the
4 determination has received training in
5 procedures used to verify signatures;
6 and

7 “(III) of the officials who make
8 the determination, not fewer than 1 is
9 affiliated with the political party
10 whose candidate received the most
11 votes in the most recent statewide
12 election for Federal office held in the
13 State and not fewer than 1 is affili-
14 ated with the political party whose
15 candidate received the second most
16 votes in the most recent statewide
17 election for Federal office held in the
18 State.

19 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i)(III)
20 shall not apply to any State in which,
21 under a law that is in effect continuously
22 on and after the date of enactment of this
23 section, determinations regarding signature
24 discrepancies are made by election officials

1 who are not affiliated with a political
2 party.

3 “(3) REPORT.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120
5 days after the end of a Federal election cycle,
6 each chief State election official shall submit to
7 the Commission a report containing the fol-
8 lowing information for the applicable Federal
9 election cycle in the State:

10 “(i) The number of ballots invalidated
11 due to a discrepancy under this subsection.

12 “(ii) Description of attempts to con-
13 tact voters to provide notice as required by
14 this subsection.

15 “(iii) Description of the cure process
16 developed by such State pursuant to this
17 subsection, including the number of ballots
18 determined valid as a result of such proc-
19 ess.

20 “(B) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not
21 later than 10 days after receiving a report
22 under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall
23 transmit such report to Congress.

24 “(C) FEDERAL ELECTION CYCLE DE-
25 FINED.—For purposes of this subsection, the

1 term 'Federal election cycle' means, with re-
2 spect to any regularly scheduled election for
3 Federal office, the period beginning on the day
4 after the date of the preceding regularly sched-
5 uled general election for Federal office and end-
6 ing on the date of such regularly scheduled gen-
7 eral election.

8 "(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
9 this subsection shall be construed—

10 "(A) to prohibit a State from rejecting a
11 ballot attempted to be cast in an election for
12 Federal office by an individual who is not eligi-
13 ble to vote in the election; or

14 "(B) to prohibit a State from providing an
15 individual with more time and more methods
16 for curing a discrepancy in the individual's sig-
17 nature, providing a missing signature, or curing
18 any other defect than the State is required to
19 provide under this subsection.

20 "(c) APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS.—

21 "(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to such other
22 methods as the State may establish for an individual
23 to apply for an absentee ballot, each State shall per-
24 mit an individual to submit an application for an ab-
25 sentee ballot online.

1 “(2) TREATMENT OF WEBSITES.—A State shall
2 be considered to meet the requirements of paragraph
3 (1) if the website of the appropriate State or local
4 election official allows an application for an absentee
5 ballot to be completed and submitted online and if
6 the website permits the individual—

7 “(A) to print the application so that the
8 individual may complete the application and re-
9 turn it to the official; or

10 “(B) to request that a paper copy of the
11 application be transmitted to the individual by
12 mail or electronic mail so that the individual
13 may complete the application and return it to
14 the official.

15 “(3) ENSURING DELIVERY PRIOR TO ELEC-
16 TION.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If an individual who is
18 eligible to vote in an election for Federal office
19 submits an application for an absentee ballot in
20 the election and such application is received by
21 the appropriate State or local election official
22 not later than 13 days (excluding Saturdays,
23 Sundays, and legal public holidays) before the
24 date of the election, the election official shall

1 ensure that the ballot and related voting mate-
2 rials are promptly mailed to the individual.

3 “(B) APPLICATIONS RECEIVED CLOSE TO
4 ELECTION DAY.—If an individual who is eligible
5 to vote in an election for Federal office submits
6 an application for an absentee ballot in the elec-
7 tion and such application is received by the ap-
8 propriate State or local election official after
9 the date described in subparagraph (A) but not
10 later than 7 days (excluding Saturdays, Sun-
11 days, and legal public holidays) before the date
12 of the election, the election official shall, to the
13 greatest extent practical, ensure that the ballot
14 and related voting materials are mailed to the
15 individual within 1 business day of the receipt
16 of the application.

17 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing
18 in this paragraph shall preclude a State or local
19 jurisdiction from allowing for the acceptance
20 and processing of absentee ballot applications
21 submitted or received after the date described
22 in subparagraph (B).

23 “(4) APPLICATION FOR ALL FUTURE ELEC-
24 TIONS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—At the option of an
2 individual, the individual’s application to vote
3 by absentee ballot by mail in an election for
4 Federal office shall be treated as an application
5 for an absentee ballot by mail in all subsequent
6 elections for Federal office held in the State.

7 “(B) DURATION OF TREATMENT.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an
9 individual who is treated as having applied
10 for an absentee ballot for all subsequent
11 elections for Federal office held in the
12 State under subparagraph (A), such treat-
13 ment shall remain effective until the earlier
14 of such time as—

15 “(I) the individual is no longer
16 registered to vote in the State; or

17 “(II) the individual provides an
18 affirmative written notice revoking
19 such treatment.

20 “(ii) PROHIBITION ON REVOCATION
21 BASED ON FAILURE TO VOTE.—The treat-
22 ment of an individual as having applied for
23 an absentee ballot for all subsequent elec-
24 tions held in the State under subparagraph

1 (A) shall not be revoked on the basis that
2 the individual has not voted in an election.

3 “(d) ACCESSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DIS-
4 ABILITIES.—Each State shall ensure that all absentee bal-
5 lot applications, absentee ballots, and related voting mate-
6 rials in elections for Federal office are accessible to indi-
7 viduals with disabilities in a manner that provides the
8 same opportunity for access and participation (including
9 with privacy and independence) as for other voters.

10 “(e) UNIFORM DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF
11 MAILED BALLOTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State or local election of-
13 ficial may not refuse to accept or process a ballot
14 submitted by an individual by mail with respect to
15 an election for Federal office in the State on the
16 grounds that the individual did not meet a deadline
17 for returning the ballot to the appropriate State or
18 local election official if—

19 “(A) the ballot is postmarked or otherwise
20 indicated by the United States Postal Service to
21 have been mailed on or before the date of the
22 election; and

23 “(B) the ballot is received by the appro-
24 priate election official prior to the expiration of

1 the 7-day period which begins on the date of
2 the election.

3 “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
4 this subsection shall be construed to prohibit a State
5 from having a law that allows for counting of ballots
6 in an election for Federal office that are received
7 through the mail after the date that is 7 days after
8 the date of the election.

9 “(f) ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF RETURNING BAL-
10 LOTS.—In addition to permitting an individual to whom
11 a ballot in an election was provided under this section to
12 return the ballot to an election official by mail, each State
13 shall permit the individual to cast the ballot by delivering
14 the ballot at such times and to such locations as the State
15 may establish, including—

16 “(1) permitting the individual to deliver the bal-
17 lot to a polling place within the jurisdiction in which
18 the individual is registered or otherwise eligible to
19 vote on any date on which voting in the election is
20 held at the polling place; and

21 “(2) permitting the individual to deliver the bal-
22 lot to a designated ballot drop-off location, a tribally
23 designated building, or the office of a State or local
24 election official.

1 “(g) BALLOT PROCESSING AND SCANNING REQUIRE-
2 MENTS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State or jurisdiction
4 shall begin processing and scanning ballots cast by
5 mail for tabulation not later than the date that is 14
6 days prior to the date of the election involved, except
7 that a State may begin processing and scanning bal-
8 lots cast by mail for tabulation after such date if the
9 date on which the State begins such processing and
10 scanning ensures, to the greatest extent practical,
11 that ballots cast before the date of the election are
12 processed and scanned before the date of the elec-
13 tion.

14 “(2) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this subsection
15 shall be construed—

16 “(A) to permit a State to tabulate ballots
17 in an election before the closing of the polls on
18 the date of the election unless such tabulation
19 is a necessary component of preprocessing in
20 the State and is performed in accordance with
21 existing State law; or

22 “(B) to permit an official to make public
23 any results of tabulation and processing before
24 the closing of the polls on the date of the elec-
25 tion.

1 “(h) PROHIBITING RESTRICTIONS ON DISTRIBUTION
2 OF ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS BY THIRD PAR-
3 TIES.—A State may not prohibit any person from pro-
4 viding an application for an absentee ballot in the election
5 to any individual who is eligible to vote in the election.

6 “(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
7 tion shall be construed to affect the authority of States
8 to conduct elections for Federal office through the use of
9 polling places at which individuals cast ballots.

10 “(j) NO EFFECT ON BALLOTS SUBMITTED BY AB-
11 SENT MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS.—Nothing in
12 this section may be construed to affect the treatment of
13 any ballot submitted by an individual who is entitled to
14 vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas
15 Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq.).

16 “(k) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply
17 with respect to the regularly scheduled general election for
18 Federal office held in November 2024 and each succeeding
19 election for Federal office.”.

20 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of
21 contents of such Act, as amended by section
22 1031(c), section 1044(b), section 1101(c), section
23 1102(c), section 1103(a), section 1104(c), and sec-
24 tion 1201(c), is amended—

1 (A) by redesignating the items relating to
2 sections 311 and 312 as relating to sections
3 312 and 313, respectively; and

4 (B) by inserting after the item relating to
5 section 310 the following new item:

“Sec. 311. Promoting ability of voters to vote by mail.”

6 (b) SAME-DAY PROCESSING OF ABSENTEE BAL-
7 LOTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 34 of title 39,
9 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
10 end the following:

11 “§ 3407. Same-day processing of ballots

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Postal Service shall ensure,
13 to the maximum extent practicable, that any ballot carried
14 by the Postal Service is processed by and cleared from
15 any postal facility or post office on the same day that the
16 ballot is received by that facility or post office.

17 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

18 “(1) the term ‘ballot’ means any ballot trans-
19 mitted by a voter by mail in an election for Federal
20 office, but does not include any ballot covered by
21 section 3406; and

22 “(2) the term ‘election for Federal office’ means
23 a general, special, primary, or runoff election for the
24 office of President or Vice President, or of Senator

1 or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Com-
2 missioner to, the Congress.”.

3 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
4 MENT.—The table of sections for chapter 34 of title
5 39, United States Code, is amended by adding at
6 the end the following:

“3407. Same-day processing of ballots.”.

7 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
8 by this subsection shall apply to absentee ballots re-
9 lating to an election for Federal office occurring on
10 or after January 1, 2024.

11 (c) DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE VERIFICATION
12 METHODS.—

13 (1) DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS.—The Di-
14 rector of the National Institute of Standards, in con-
15 sultation with the Election Assistance Commission,
16 shall develop standards for the use of alternative
17 methods which could be used in place of signature
18 verification requirements for purposes of verifying
19 the identification of an individual voting by mail-in
20 or absentee ballot in elections for Federal office.

21 (2) PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT.—The Di-
22 rector of the National Institute of Standards shall
23 solicit comments from the public in the development
24 of standards under paragraph (1).

1 (3) DEADLINE.—Not later than 2 years after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of
3 the National Institute of Standards shall publish the
4 standards developed under paragraph (1).

5 **SEC. 1302. BALLOTING MATERIALS TRACKING PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—

7 (1) REQUIREMENTS.—Subtitle A of title III of
8 the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C.
9 21081 et seq.), as amended by section 1031(a), sec-
10 tion 1044(a), section 1101(a), section 1102(a), sec-
11 tion 1103(a), section 1104(a), section 1201(a), and
12 section 1301(a), is amended—

13 (A) by redesignating sections 312 and 313
14 as sections 313 and 314, respectively; and

15 (B) by inserting after section 311 the fol-
16 lowing new section:

17 **“SEC. 312. BALLOT MATERIALS TRACKING PROGRAM.**

18 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—Each State shall carry out a
19 program to track and confirm the receipt of mail-in ballots
20 and absentee ballots in an election for Federal office under
21 which the State or local election official responsible for the
22 receipt of such voted ballots in the election carries out pro-
23 cedures to track and confirm the receipt of such ballots,
24 and makes information on the receipt of such ballots avail-
25 able to the individual who cast the ballot.

1 “(b) MEANS OF CARRYING OUT PROGRAM.—A State
2 may meet the requirements of subsection (a)—

3 “(1) through a program—

4 “(A) which is established by the State;

5 “(B) under which the State or local elec-
6 tion official responsible for the receipt of voted
7 mail-in ballots and voted absentee ballots in the
8 election—

9 “(i) carries out procedures to track
10 and confirm the receipt of such ballots;
11 and

12 “(ii) makes information on the receipt
13 of such ballots available to the individual
14 who cast the ballot; and

15 “(C) which meets the requirements of sub-
16 section (e); or

17 “(2) through the ballot materials tracking serv-
18 ice established under section 1302(b) of the Free-
19 dom to Vote Act.

20 “(c) STATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—The re-
21 quirements of this subsection are as follows:

22 “(1) INFORMATION ON WHETHER VOTE WAS
23 ACCEPTED.—The information referred to under sub-
24 section (b)(1)(B)(ii) with respect to the receipt of
25 mail-in ballot or an absentee ballot shall include in-

1 formation regarding whether the vote cast on the
2 ballot was accepted, and, in the case of a vote which
3 was rejected, the reasons therefor.

4 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—Infor-
5 mation on whether a ballot was accepted or rejected
6 shall be available within 1 business day of the State
7 accepting or rejecting the ballot.

8 “(3) ACCESSIBILITY OF INFORMATION.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
10 under subparagraph (B), the information pro-
11 vided under the program shall be available by
12 means of online access using the internet site of
13 the State or local election office.

14 “(B) USE OF TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE
15 NUMBER BY OFFICIALS WITHOUT INTERNET
16 SITE.—In the case of a State or local election
17 official whose office does not have an internet
18 site, the program shall require the official to es-
19 tablish a toll-free telephone number that may be
20 used by an individual who cast an absentee bal-
21 lot to obtain the information required under
22 subsection (b)(1)(B).

23 “(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply
24 with respect to the regularly scheduled general election for

1 Federal office held in November 2026 and each succeeding
2 election for Federal office.”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 102
4 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee
5 Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20302) is amended by strik-
6 ing subsection (h) and redesignating subsection (i)
7 as subsection (h).

8 (b) BALLOTING MATERIALS TRACKING SERVICE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
10 2026, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in con-
11 sultation with the Chair of the Election Assistance
12 Commission, the Postmaster General, the Director
13 of the General Services Administration, the Presi-
14 dential designee, and State election officials, shall
15 establish a balloting materials tracking service to be
16 used by State and local jurisdictions to inform voters
17 on the status of voter registration applications, ab-
18 sentee ballot applications, absentee ballots, and mail-
19 in ballots.

20 (2) INFORMATION TRACKED.—The balloting
21 materials tracking service established under para-
22 graph (1) shall provide to a voter the following infor-
23 mation with respect to that voter:

24 (A) In the case of balloting materials sent
25 by mail, tracking information from the United

1 States Postal Service and the Presidential des-
2 ignee on balloting materials sent to the voter
3 and, to the extent feasible, returned by the
4 voter.

5 (B) The date on which any request by the
6 voter for an application for voter registration or
7 an absentee ballot was received.

8 (C) The date on which any such requested
9 application was sent to the voter.

10 (D) The date on which any such completed
11 application was received from the voter and the
12 status of such application.

13 (E) The date on which any mail-in ballot
14 or absentee ballot was sent to the voter.

15 (F) The date on which any mail-in ballot
16 or absentee ballot was out for delivery to the
17 voter.

18 (G) The date on which the post office proc-
19 esses the ballot.

20 (H) The date on which the returned ballot
21 was out for delivery to the election office.

22 (I) Whether such ballot was accepted and
23 counted, and in the case of any ballot not
24 counted, the reason why the ballot was not
25 counted.

1 The information described in subparagraph (I) shall
2 be available not later than 1 day after a determina-
3 tion is made on whether or not to accept and count
4 the ballot.

5 (3) METHOD OF PROVIDING INFORMATION.—
6 The balloting materials tracking service established
7 under paragraph (1) shall allow voters the option to
8 receive the information described in paragraph (2)
9 through email (or other electronic means) or through
10 the mail.

11 (4) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF LIMITED INFOR-
12 MATION.—Information described in subparagraphs
13 (E), (G), and (I) of paragraph (2) shall be made
14 available to political parties and voter registration
15 organizations, at cost to cover the expense of pro-
16 viding such information, for use, in accordance with
17 State guidelines and procedures, in helping to return
18 or cure mail-in ballots during any period in which
19 mail-in ballots may be returned.

20 (5) PROHIBITION ON FEES.—The Director may
21 not charge any fee to a State or jurisdiction for use
22 of the balloting materials tracking service in connec-
23 tion with any Federal, State, or local election.

24 (6) PRESIDENTIAL DESIGNEE.—For purposes
25 of this subsection, the term “Presidential designee”

1 means the Presidential designee under section
2 101(a) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Ab-
3 sentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301(a)).

4 (7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
5 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Di-
6 rector such sums as are necessary for purposes of
7 carrying out this subsection.

8 (c) REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS INCURRED BY
9 STATES IN ESTABLISHING PROGRAM.—Subtitle D of title
10 II of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C.
11 21001 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing new part:

13 **“PART 7—PAYMENTS TO REIMBURSE STATES**
14 **FOR COSTS INCURRED IN ESTABLISHING**
15 **PROGRAM TO TRACK AND CONFIRM RE-**
16 **CEIPT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

17 **“SEC. 297. PAYMENTS TO STATES.**

18 “(a) PAYMENTS FOR COSTS OF PROGRAM.—In ac-
19 cordance with this section, the Commission shall make a
20 payment to a State to reimburse the State for the costs
21 incurred in establishing the absentee ballot tracking pro-
22 gram under section 322(b)(1) (including costs incurred
23 prior to the date of enactment of this part).

24 “(b) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE AND COSTS.—

1 “(1) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—In order to
2 receive a payment under this section, a State shall
3 submit to the Commission a statement containing—

4 “(A) a certification that the State has es-
5 tablished an absentee ballot tracking program
6 with respect to elections for Federal office held
7 in the State; and

8 “(B) a statement of the costs incurred by
9 the State in establishing the program.

10 “(2) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—The amount of a
11 payment made to a State under this section shall be
12 equal to the costs incurred by the State in estab-
13 lishing the absentee ballot tracking program, as set
14 forth in the statement submitted under paragraph
15 (1), except that such amount may not exceed the
16 product of—

17 “(A) the number of jurisdictions in the
18 State which are responsible for operating the
19 program; and

20 “(B) \$3,000.

21 “(3) LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PAYMENTS RE-
22 CEIVED.—A State may not receive more than one
23 payment under this part.

1 **“SEC. 297A. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be
3 appropriated to the Commission for fiscal year 2024 and
4 each succeeding fiscal year such sums as may be necessary
5 for payments under this part.

6 “(b) CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Any
7 amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization under
8 this section shall remain available until expended.”.

9 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents
10 of such Act, as amended by section 1031(c), 1044(b), sec-
11 tion 1101(c), section 1102(c), section 1103(a), section
12 1104(c), section 1201(c), and section 1301(a), is amend-
13 ed—

14 (1) by adding at the end of the items relating
15 to subtitle D of title II the following:

“PART 7—PAYMENTS TO REIMBURSE STATES FOR COSTS INCURRED IN ES-
TABLISHING PROGRAM TO TRACK AND CONFIRM RECEIPT OF ABSENTEE
BALLOTS

“Sec. 297. Payments to States.

“Sec. 297A. Authorization of appropriations.”;

16 (2) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
17 tions 312 and 313 as relating to sections 313 and
18 314, respectively; and

19 (3) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
20 tion 311 the following new item:

“Sec. 312. Ballot materials tracking program.”.

1 **SEC. 1303. ELECTION MAIL AND DELIVERY IMPROVE-**
2 **MENTS.**

3 (a) **POSTMARK REQUIRED FOR BALLOTS.—**

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Chapter 34 of title 39,
5 United States Code, as amended by section 1301(b),
6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 **“§ 3408. Postmark required for ballots**

8 “(a) **IN GENERAL.—**In the case of any absentee bal-
9 lot carried by the Postal Service, the Postal Service shall
10 indicate on the ballot envelope, using a postmark or other-
11 wise—

12 “(1) the fact that the ballot was carried by the
13 Postal Service; and

14 “(2) the date on which the ballot was mailed.

15 “(b) **DEFINITIONS.—**As used in this section—

16 “(1) the term ‘absentee ballot’ means any ballot
17 transmitted by a voter by mail in an election for
18 Federal office, but does not include any ballot cov-
19 ered by section 3406; and

20 “(2) the term ‘election for Federal office’ means
21 a general, special, primary, or runoff election for the
22 office of President or Vice President, or of Senator
23 or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Com-
24 missioner to, the Congress.”.

25 (2) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-**
26 **MENT.—**The table of sections for chapter 34 of title

1 39, United States Code, as amended by section
2 1301(b), is amended by adding at the end the fol-
3 lowing:

“3408. Postmark required for ballots.”.

4 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
5 by this subsection shall apply to absentee ballots re-
6 lating to an election for Federal office occurring on
7 or after January 1, 2024.

8 (b) GREATER VISIBILITY FOR BALLOTS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title III of the
10 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081
11 et seq.), as amended by section 1031(a), section
12 1044(a), section 1101(a), section 1102(a), section
13 1103(a), section 1104(a), section 1201(a), section
14 1301(a), and section 1302(a), is amended—

15 (A) by redesignating sections 313 and 314
16 as sections 314 and 315, respectively; and

17 (B) by inserting after section 312 the fol-
18 lowing new section:

19 **“SEC. 313. BALLOT VISIBILITY.**

20 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**Each State or local election offi-
21 cial shall—

22 **“(1) affix Tag 191, Domestic and International**
23 **Mail-In Ballots (or any successor tag designated by**
24 **the United States Postal Service), to any tray or**
25 **sack of official ballots relating to an election for**

1 Federal office that is destined for a domestic or
2 international address;

3 “(2) use the Official Election Mail logo to des-
4 ignate official ballots relating to an election for Fed-
5 eral office that is destined for a domestic or inter-
6 national address; and

7 “(3) if an intelligent mail barcode is utilized for
8 any official ballot relating to an election for Federal
9 office that is destined for a domestic or international
10 address, ensure the specific ballot service type identi-
11 fier for such mail is visible.

12 “(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirements of this
13 section shall apply to elections for Federal office occurring
14 on and after January 1, 2024.”

15 (2) VOLUNTARY GUIDANCE.—Section 321(b)(4)
16 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 21101(b)), as added and re-
17 designated by section 1101(b) and as amended by
18 sections 1102, 1103 and 1104, is amended by strik-
19 ing “and 309” and inserting “309, and 313”.

20 (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of
21 contents of such Act, as amended by section
22 1031(c), section 1044(b), section 1101(e), section
23 1102(c), section 1103(a), section 1104(e), section
24 1201(c), section 1301(a), and section 1302(a), is
25 amended—

1 (A) by redesignating the items relating to
2 sections 313 and 314 as relating to sections
3 314 and 315; and

4 (B) by inserting after the item relating to
5 section 312 the following new item:

“Sec. 313. Ballot visibility.”.

6 **SEC. 1304. CARRIAGE OF ELECTION MAIL.**

7 (a) TREATMENT OF ELECTION MAIL.—

8 (1) TREATMENT AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL; FREE
9 POSTAGE.—Chapter 34 of title 39, United States
10 Code, as amended by section 1301(b) and section
11 1303(a), is amended by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing:

13 **“§ 3409. Domestic election mail; restriction of oper-
14 ational changes prior to elections**

15 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘election
16 mail’ means—

17 “(1) a blank or completed voter registration ap-
18 plication form, voter registration card, or similar
19 materials, relating to an election for Federal office;

20 “(2) a blank or completed absentee and other
21 mail-in ballot application form, and a blank or com-
22 pleted absentee or other mail-in ballot, relating to an
23 election for Federal office, and

24 “(3) other materials relating to an election for
25 Federal office that are mailed by a State or local

1 election official to an individual who is registered to
2 vote.

3 “(b) CARRIAGE OF ELECTION MAIL.—Election mail
4 (other than balloting materials covered under section 3406
5 (relating to the Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting
6 Act)), individually or in bulk, shall be carried in accord-
7 ance with the service standards established for first-class
8 mail under section 3691.

9 “(c) NO POSTAGE REQUIRED FOR COMPLETED BAL-
10 LOTS.—Completed absentee or other mail-in ballots (other
11 than balloting materials covered under section 3406 (relat-
12 ing to the Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act))
13 shall be carried free of postage.

14 “(d) RESTRICTION OF OPERATIONAL CHANGES.—
15 During the 120-day period that ends on the date of an
16 election for Federal office, the Postal Service may not
17 carry out any new operational change that would restrict
18 the prompt and reliable delivery of election mail. This sub-
19 section applies to operational changes which include—

20 “(1) removing or eliminating any mail collection
21 box without immediately replacing it; and

22 “(2) removing, decommissioning, or any other
23 form of stopping the operation of mail sorting ma-
24 chines, other than for routine maintenance.

1 “(e) ELECTION MAIL COORDINATOR.—The Postal
2 Service shall appoint an Election Mail Coordinator at each
3 area office and district office to facilitate relevant informa-
4 tion sharing with State, territorial, local, and Tribal elec-
5 tion officials in regards to the mailing of election mail.”.

6 (2) REIMBURSEMENT OF POSTAL SERVICE FOR
7 REVENUE FORGONE.—Section 2401(c) of title 39,
8 United States Code, is amended by striking “sec-
9 tions 3217 and 3403 through 3406” and inserting
10 “sections 3217, 3403 through 3406, and 3409”.

11 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
12 The table of sections for chapter 34 of title 39, United
13 States Code, as amended by section 1301(b) and section
14 1303(a), is amended by adding at the end the following:

“3409. Domestic election mail; restriction of operational changes prior to elec-
tions.”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall take effect upon the expiration of the
17 180-day period that begins on the date of enactment of
18 this section.

19 **SEC. 1305. REQUIRING STATES TO PROVIDE SECURED**
20 **DROP BOXES FOR VOTED BALLOTS IN ELEC-**
21 **TIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.**

22 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Subtitle A of title III of the
23 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.),
24 as amended by section 1031(a), section 1044(a), section

1 1101(a), section 1102(a), section 1103(a); section
2 1104(a), section 1201(a), section 1301(a), section
3 1302(a), and section 1303(b) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating sections 314 and 315 as
5 sections 315 and 316, respectively; and

6 (2) by inserting after section 313 the following
7 new section:

8 **“SEC. 314. USE OF SECURED DROP BOXES FOR VOTED BAL-**
9 **LOTS.**

10 **“(a) REQUIRING USE OF DROP BOXES.—**Each juris-
11 diction shall provide in-person, secured, and clearly labeled
12 drop boxes at which individuals may, at any time during
13 the period described in subsection (b), drop off voted bal-
14 lots in an election for Federal office.

15 **“(b) MINIMUM PERIOD FOR AVAILABILITY OF DROP**
16 **BOXES.—**The period described in this subsection is, with
17 respect to an election, the period that begins on the first
18 day on which the jurisdiction sends mail-in ballots or ab-
19 sentee ballots (other than ballots for absent uniformed
20 overseas voters (as defined in section 107(1) of the Uni-
21 formed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52
22 U.S.C. 20310(1))) or overseas voters (as defined in section
23 107(5) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20310(5)))) to voters for
24 such election and which ends at the time the polls close
25 for the election in the jurisdiction involved.

1 “(c) ACCESSIBILITY.—

2 “(1) HOURS OF ACCESS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
4 subparagraph (B), each drop box provided
5 under this section shall be accessible to voters
6 for a reasonable number of hours each day.

7 “(B) 24-HOUR DROP BOXES.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Of the number of
9 drop boxes provided in any jurisdiction,
10 not less than the required number shall be
11 accessible for 24 hours per day during the
12 period described in subsection (b).

13 “(ii) REQUIRED NUMBER.—The re-
14 quired number is the greater of—

15 “(I) 25 percent of the drop boxes
16 required under subsection (d); or

17 “(II) 1 drop box.

18 “(2) POPULATION.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Drop boxes provided
20 under this section shall be accessible for use—

21 “(i) by individuals with disabilities, as
22 determined in consultation with the protec-
23 tion and advocacy systems (as defined in
24 section 102 of the Developmental Disabil-

1 ities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of
2 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002)) of the State;

3 “(ii) by individuals with limited pro-
4 ficiency in the English language; and

5 “(iii) by homeless individuals (as de-
6 fined in section 103 of the McKinney-
7 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
8 11302)) within the State.

9 “(B) DETERMINATION OF ACCESSIBILITY
10 FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.—For
11 purposes of this paragraph, drop boxes shall be
12 considered to be accessible for use by individ-
13 uals with disabilities if the drop boxes meet
14 such criteria as the Attorney General may es-
15 tablish for such purposes.

16 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—If a drop
17 box provided under this section is on the
18 grounds of or inside a building or facility which
19 serves as a polling place for an election during
20 the period described in subsection (b), nothing
21 in this subsection may be construed to waive
22 any requirements regarding the accessibility of
23 such polling place for the use of individuals
24 with disabilities, individuals with limited pro-

1 ficiency in the English language, or homeless
2 individuals.

3 “(d) NUMBER OF DROP BOXES.—Each jurisdiction
4 shall have—

5 “(1) in the case of any election for Federal of-
6 fice prior to the regularly scheduled general election
7 for Federal office held in November 2026, not less
8 than 1 drop box for every 45,000 registered voters
9 located in the jurisdiction; and

10 “(2) in the case of the regularly scheduled gen-
11 eral election for Federal office held in November
12 2026 and each election for Federal office occurring
13 thereafter, not less than the greater of—

14 “(A) 1 drop box for every 45,000 reg-
15 istered voters located in the jurisdiction; or

16 “(B) 1 drop box for every 15,000 votes
17 that were cast by mail in the jurisdiction in the
18 most recent general election that includes an
19 election for the office of President.

20 In no case shall a jurisdiction have fewer than 1
21 drop box for any election for Federal office.

22 “(e) LOCATION OF DROP BOXES.—The State shall
23 determine the location of drop boxes provided under this
24 section in a jurisdiction on the basis of criteria which en-
25 sure that the drop boxes are—

1 “(1) available to all voters on a non-discrimina-
2 tory basis;

3 “(2) accessible to voters with disabilities (in ac-
4 cordance with subsection (e));

5 “(3) accessible by public transportation to the
6 greatest extent possible;

7 “(4) available during all hours of the day;

8 “(5) sufficiently available in all communities in
9 the jurisdiction, including rural communities and on
10 Tribal lands within the jurisdiction (subject to sub-
11 section (f)); and

12 “(6) geographically distributed to provide a rea-
13 sonable opportunity for voters to submit their voted
14 ballot in a timely manner.

15 “(f) TIMING OF SCANNING AND PROCESSING OF
16 BALLOTS.—For purposes of section 311(g) (relating to
17 the timing of the processing and scanning of ballots for
18 tabulation), a vote cast using a drop box provided under
19 this section shall be treated in the same manner as a ballot
20 cast by mail.

21 “(g) POSTING OF INFORMATION.—On or adjacent to
22 each drop box provided under this section, the State shall
23 post information on the requirements that voted absentee
24 ballots must meet in order to be counted and tabulated
25 in the election.

1 “(h) REMOTE SURVEILLANCE.—Nothing in this sec-
2 tion shall prohibit a State from providing for the security
3 of drop boxes through remote or electronic surveillance.

4 “(i) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply
5 with respect to the regularly scheduled general election for
6 Federal office held in November 2024 and each succeeding
7 election for Federal office.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents
9 of such Act, as amended by section 1031(c), section
10 1044(b), section 1101(c), section 1102(c), section
11 1103(a), section 1104(c), section 1201(c), section
12 1301(c), section 1302(a), and section 1303(b), is amend-
13 ed—

14 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
15 tions 314 and 315 as relating to sections 315 and
16 316, respectively; and

17 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
18 tion 313 the following new item:

“Sec. 314. Use of secured drop boxes for voted ballots.”.

1 **Subtitle E—Absent Uniformed**
2 **Services Voters and Overseas**
3 **Voters**

4 **SEC. 1401. PRE-ELECTION REPORTS ON AVAILABILITY AND**
5 **TRANSMISSION OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS.**

6 Section 102(c) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citi-
7 zens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20302(c)) is amend-
8 ed to read as follows:

9 “(c) REPORTS ON AVAILABILITY, TRANSMISSION,
10 AND RECEIPT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS.—

11 “(1) PRE-ELECTION REPORT ON ABSENTEE
12 BALLOT AVAILABILITY.—Not later than 55 days be-
13 fore any regularly scheduled general election for
14 Federal office, each State shall submit a report to
15 the Attorney General certifying that absentee ballots
16 for the election are or will be available for trans-
17 mission to absent uniformed services voters and
18 overseas voters by not later than 46 days before the
19 election. The report shall be in a form prescribed by
20 the Attorney General and shall require the State to
21 certify specific information about ballot availability
22 from each unit of local government which will ad-
23 minister the election.

24 “(2) PRE-ELECTION REPORT ON ABSENTEE
25 BALLOTS TRANSMITTED.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 43
2 days before any election for Federal office held
3 in a State, the chief State election official of
4 such State shall submit a report containing the
5 information in subparagraph (B) to the Attor-
6 ney General.

7 “(B) INFORMATION REPORTED.—The re-
8 port under subparagraph (A) shall consist of
9 the following:

10 “(i) The total number of absentee bal-
11 lots validly requested by absent uniformed
12 services voters and overseas voters whose
13 requests were received by the 47th day be-
14 fore the election by each unit of local gov-
15 ernment within the State that will transmit
16 absentee ballots.

17 “(ii) The total number of ballots
18 transmitted to such voters by the 46th day
19 before the election by each unit of local
20 government within the State that will ad-
21 minister the election.

22 “(iii) Specific information about any
23 late transmitted ballots.

24 “(C) REQUIREMENT TO SUPPLEMENT IN-
25 COMPLETE INFORMATION.—If the report under

1 subparagraph (A) has incomplete information
2 on any items required to be included in the re-
3 port, the chief State election official shall make
4 all reasonable efforts to expeditiously supple-
5 ment the report with complete information.

6 “(D) FORMAT.—The report under sub-
7 paragraph (A) shall be in a format prescribed
8 by the Attorney General in consultation with
9 the chief State election officials of each State.

10 “(3) POST-ELECTION REPORT ON NUMBER OF
11 ABSENTEE BALLOTS TRANSMITTED AND RE-
12 CEIVED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of
13 each regularly scheduled general election for Federal
14 office, each State and unit of local government
15 which administered the election shall (through the
16 State, in the case of a unit of local government) sub-
17 mit a report to the Election Assistance Commission
18 on the combined number of absentee ballots trans-
19 mitted to absent uniformed services voters and over-
20 seas voters for the election and the combined num-
21 ber of such ballots which were returned by such vot-
22 ers and cast in the election, and shall make such re-
23 port available to the general public that same day.”.

1 **SEC. 1402. ENFORCEMENT.**

2 (a) AVAILABILITY OF CIVIL PENALTIES AND PRI-
3 VATE RIGHTS OF ACTION.—Section 105 of the Uniformed
4 and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C.
5 20307) is amended to read as follows:

6 **“SEC. 105. ENFORCEMENT.**

7 “(a) ACTION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.—The Attor-
8 ney General may bring civil action in an appropriate dis-
9 trict court for such declaratory or injunctive relief as may
10 be necessary to carry out this title.

11 “(b) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—A person who is
12 aggrieved by a violation of this title may bring a civil ac-
13 tion in an appropriate district court for such declaratory
14 or injunctive relief as may be necessary to carry out this
15 title.

16 “(c) STATE AS ONLY NECESSARY DEFENDANT.—In
17 any action brought under this section, the only necessary
18 party defendant is the State, and it shall not be a defense
19 to any such action that a local election official or a unit
20 of local government is not named as a defendant, notwith-
21 standing that a State has exercised the authority described
22 in section 576 of the Military and Overseas Voter Em-
23 powerment Act to delegate to another jurisdiction in the
24 State any duty or responsibility which is the subject of
25 an action brought under this section.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply with respect to violations alleged
3 to have occurred on or after the date of enactment of this
4 Act.

5 **SEC. 1403. TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENTS; REPEAL OF**
6 **WAIVER PROVISION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (8) of section 102(a)
8 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting
9 Act (52 U.S.C. 20302(a)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(8) transmit a validly requested absentee bal-
11 lot to an absent uniformed services voter or overseas
12 voter by the date and in the manner determined
13 under subsection (g);”.

14 (b) BALLOT TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND
15 REPEAL OF WAIVER PROVISION.—Subsection (g) of sec-
16 tion 102 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20302(g)) is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 “(g) BALLOT TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection
20 (a)(8), in the case in which a valid request for an
21 absentee ballot is received at least 47 days before an
22 election for Federal office, the following rules shall
23 apply:

1 “(A) TRANSMISSION DEADLINE.—The
2 State shall transmit the absentee ballot not
3 later than 46 days before the election.

4 “(B) SPECIAL RULES IN CASE OF FAILURE
5 TO TRANSMIT ON TIME.—

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If the State fails
7 to transmit any absentee ballot by the 46th
8 day before the election as required by sub-
9 paragraph (A) and the absent uniformed
10 services voter or overseas voter did not re-
11 quest electronic ballot transmission pursu-
12 ant to subsection (f), the State shall trans-
13 mit such ballot by express delivery.

14 “(ii) EXTENDED FAILURE.—If the
15 State fails to transmit any absentee ballot
16 by the 41st day before the election, in ad-
17 dition to transmitting the ballot as pro-
18 vided in clause (i), the State shall—

19 “(I) in the case of absentee bal-
20 lots requested by absent uniformed
21 services voters with respect to regu-
22 larly scheduled general elections, no-
23 tify such voters of the procedures es-
24 tablished under section 103A for the

1 collection and delivery of marked ab-
2 sentee ballots; and

3 “(II) in any other case, provide
4 for the return of such ballot by ex-
5 press delivery.

6 “(iii) COST OF EXPRESS DELIVERY.—
7 In any case in which express delivery is re-
8 quired under this subparagraph, the cost
9 of such express delivery—

10 “(I) shall not be paid by the
11 voter; and

12 “(II) if determined appropriate
13 by the chief State election official,
14 may be required by the State to be
15 paid by a local jurisdiction.

16 “(iv) EXCEPTION.—Clause (ii)(II)
17 shall not apply when an absent uniformed
18 services voter or overseas voter indicates
19 the preference to return the late sent ab-
20 sentee ballot by electronic transmission in
21 a State that permits return of an absentee
22 ballot by electronic transmission.

23 “(v) ENFORCEMENT.—A State’s com-
24 pliance with this subparagraph does not
25 bar the Attorney General from seeking ad-

1 ditional remedies necessary to fully resolve
2 or prevent ongoing, future, or systematic
3 violations of this provision or to effectuate
4 the purposes of this Act.

5 “(C) SPECIAL PROCEDURE IN EVENT OF
6 DISASTER.—If a disaster (hurricane, tornado,
7 earthquake, storm, volcanic eruption, landslide,
8 fire, flood, or explosion), or an act of terrorism
9 prevents the State from transmitting any ab-
10 sentee ballot by the 46th day before the election
11 as required by subparagraph (A), the chief
12 State election official shall notify the Attorney
13 General as soon as practicable and take all ac-
14 tions necessary, including seeking any necessary
15 judicial relief, to ensure that affected absent
16 uniformed services voters and overseas voters
17 are provided a reasonable opportunity to receive
18 and return their absentee ballots in time to be
19 counted.

20 “(2) REQUESTS RECEIVED AFTER 47TH DAY
21 BEFORE ELECTION.—For purposes of subsection
22 (a)(8), in the case in which a valid request for an
23 absentee ballot is received less than 47 days but not
24 less than 30 days before an election for Federal of-

1 State determines that the voter has registered to vote in
2 another State or is otherwise no longer eligible to vote in
3 the State.

4 “(c) PROHIBITION OF REFUSAL OF APPLICATION ON
5 GROUNDS OF EARLY SUBMISSION.—A State may not
6 refuse to accept or to process, with respect to any election
7 for Federal office, any otherwise valid voter registration
8 application or absentee ballot application (including the
9 postcard form prescribed under section 101) submitted by
10 an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter on
11 the grounds that the voter submitted the application be-
12 fore the first date on which the State otherwise accepts
13 or processes such applications for that election which are
14 submitted by absentee voters who are not members of the
15 uniformed services or overseas citizens.”.

16 (b) REQUIREMENT FOR REVISION TO POSTCARD
17 FORM.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Presidential designee
19 shall ensure that the official postcard form pre-
20 scribed under section 101(b)(2) of the Uniformed
21 and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52
22 U.S.C. 20301(b)(2)) enables a voter using the form
23 to—

24 (A) request an absentee ballot for each
25 election for Federal office held in a State

1 through the end of the calendar year following
2 the next regularly scheduled general election for
3 Federal office; or

4 (B) request an absentee ballot for a spe-
5 cific election or elections for Federal office held
6 in a State during the period described in sub-
7 paragraph (A).

8 (2) **PRESIDENTIAL DESIGNEE.**—For purposes
9 of this paragraph, the term “Presidential designee”
10 means the individual designated under section
11 101(a) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Ab-
12 sentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301(a)).

13 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
14 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to voter registration
15 and absentee ballot applications which are submitted to
16 a State or local election official on or after the date of
17 enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 1405. EXTENDING GUARANTEE OF RESIDENCY FOR**
19 **VOTING PURPOSES TO FAMILY MEMBERS OF**
20 **ABSENT MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

21 Section 102 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens
22 Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20302), as amended by
23 section 1302, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing new subsection:

1 “(i) GUARANTEE OF RESIDENCY FOR SPOUSES AND
2 DEPENDENTS OF ABSENT MEMBERS OF UNIFORMED
3 SERVICE.—For the purposes of voting in any election for
4 any Federal office or any State or local office, a spouse
5 or dependent of an individual who is an absent uniformed
6 services voter described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of sec-
7 tion 107(1) shall not, solely by reason of that individual’s
8 absence and without regard to whether or not such spouse
9 or dependent is accompanying that individual—

10 “(1) be deemed to have lost a residence or
11 domicile in that State, without regard to whether or
12 not that individual intends to return to that State;

13 “(2) be deemed to have acquired a residence or
14 domicile in any other State; or

15 “(3) be deemed to have become a resident in or
16 a resident of any other State.”.

17 **SEC. 1406. TECHNICAL CLARIFICATIONS TO CONFORM TO**
18 **MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTER EMPOWER-**
19 **MENT ACT AMENDMENTS RELATED TO THE**
20 **FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 102(a)(3) of the Uni-
22 formed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52
23 U.S.C. 20302(a)(3)) is amended by striking “general elec-
24 tions” and inserting “general, special, primary, and runoff
25 elections”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 103 of
2 such Act (52 U.S.C. 20303) is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by striking “gen-
4 eral”; and

5 (2) in the heading thereof, by striking “GEN-
6 ERAL”.

7 **SEC. 1407. TREATMENT OF POSTCARD REGISTRATION RE-**
8 **QUESTS.**

9 Section 102 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens
10 Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20302), as amended by
11 sections 1302 and 1405, is amended by adding at the end
12 the following new subsection:

13 “(j) TREATMENT OF POSTCARD REGISTRATIONS.—
14 A State shall not remove any absent uniformed services
15 voter or overseas voter who has registered to vote using
16 the official postcard form (prescribed under section 101)
17 from the official list of registered voters except in accord-
18 ance with subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of section 8(a)(3)
19 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.
20 20507).”.

21 **SEC. 1408. PRESIDENTIAL DESIGNEE REPORT ON VOTER**
22 **DISENFRANCHISEMENT.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
24 date of enactment of this Act, the Presidential designee
25 shall submit to Congress a report on the impact of wide-

1 spread mail-in voting on the ability of active duty military
2 service members to vote, how quickly the votes of those
3 individuals are counted, and whether higher volumes of
4 mail-in votes makes it harder for such individuals to vote
5 in elections for Federal elections.

6 (b) PRESIDENTIAL DESIGNEE.—For purposes of this
7 section, the term “Presidential designee” means the indi-
8 vidual designated under section 101(a) of the Uniformed
9 and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C.
10 20301(a)).

11 **SEC. 1409. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 Except as provided in section 1402(b) and section
13 1404(e), the amendments made by this subtitle shall apply
14 with respect to elections occurring on or after January 1,
15 2024.

16 **Subtitle F—Enhancement of**
17 **Enforcement**

18 **SEC. 1501. ENHANCEMENT OF ENFORCEMENT OF HELP**
19 **AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002.**

20 (a) COMPLAINTS; AVAILABILITY OF PRIVATE RIGHT
21 OF ACTION.—Section 401 of the Help America Vote Act
22 of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21111) is amended—

23 (1) by striking “The Attorney General” and in-
24 serting “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General”;
25 and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 sections:

3 “(b) FILING OF COMPLAINTS BY AGGRIEVED PER-
4 SONS.—A person who is aggrieved by a violation of title
5 III that impairs their ability to cast a ballot or a provi-
6 sional ballot, to register or maintain one’s registration to
7 vote, or to vote on a voting system meeting the require-
8 ments of such title, which has occurred, is occurring, or
9 is about to occur may file a written, signed, and notarized
10 complaint with the Attorney General describing the viola-
11 tion and requesting the Attorney General to take appro-
12 priate action under this section. The Attorney General
13 shall immediately provide a copy of a complaint filed under
14 the previous sentence to the entity responsible for admin-
15 istering the State-based administrative complaint proce-
16 dures described in section 402(a) for the State involved.

17 “(c) AVAILABILITY OF PRIVATE RIGHT OF AC-
18 TION.—Any person who is authorized to file a complaint
19 under subsection (b) (including any individual who seeks
20 to enforce the individual’s right to a voter-verifiable paper
21 ballot, the right to have the voter-verifiable paper ballot
22 counted in accordance with this Act, or any other right
23 under title III) may file an action under section 1979 of
24 the Revised Statutes of the United States (42 U.S.C.
25 1983) to enforce the uniform and nondiscriminatory elec-

1 tion technology and administration requirements under
2 subtitle A of title III.

3 “(d) NO EFFECT ON STATE PROCEDURES.—Nothing
4 in this section may be construed to affect the availability
5 of the State-based administrative complaint procedures re-
6 quired under section 402 to any person filing a complaint
7 under this subsection.”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall apply with respect to violations occurring
10 with respect to elections for Federal office held in 2024
11 or any succeeding year.

12 **Subtitle G—Promoting Voter Ac-**
13 **cess Through Election Adminis-**
14 **tration Modernization Improve-**
15 **ments**

16 **PART 1—PROMOTING VOTER ACCESS**

17 **SEC. 1601. MINIMUM NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR**
18 **VOTERS AFFECTED BY POLLING PLACE**
19 **CHANGES.**

20 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 302 of the Help Amer-
21 ica Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21082) is amended—

22 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
23 section (e); and

24 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
25 lowing new subsection:

1 “(d) MINIMUM NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
2 VOTERS AFFECTED BY POLLING PLACE CHANGES.—

3 “(1) REQUIREMENT FOR PRECINCT-BASED
4 POLLING.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If an applicable indi-
6 vidual has been assigned to a polling place that
7 is different than the polling place that such in-
8 dividual was assigned with respect to the most
9 recent past election for Federal office in which
10 the individual was eligible to vote—

11 “(i) the appropriate election official
12 shall, not later than 2 days before the be-
13 ginning of an early voting period—

14 “(I) notify the individual of the
15 location of the polling place; and

16 “(II) post a general notice on the
17 website of the State or jurisdiction, on
18 social media platforms (if available),
19 and on signs at the prior polling
20 place; and

21 “(ii) if such assignment is made after
22 the date that is 2 days before the begin-
23 ning of an early voting period and the indi-
24 vidual appears on the date of the election
25 at the polling place to which the individual

1 was previously assigned, the jurisdiction
2 shall make every reasonable effort to en-
3 able the individual to vote a ballot on the
4 date of the election without the use of a
5 provisional ballot.

6 “(B) APPLICABLE INDIVIDUAL.—For pur-
7 poses of subparagraph (A), the term ‘applicable
8 individual’ means, with respect to any election
9 for Federal office, any individual—

10 “(i) who is registered to vote in a ju-
11 risdiction for such election and was reg-
12 istered to vote in such jurisdiction for the
13 most recent past election for Federal of-
14 fice; and

15 “(ii) whose voter registration address
16 has not changed since such most recent
17 past election for Federal office.

18 “(C) METHODS OF NOTIFICATION.—The
19 appropriate election official shall notify an indi-
20 vidual under clause (i)(I) of subparagraph (A)
21 by mail, telephone, and (if available) text mes-
22 sage and electronic mail.

23 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTE CENTERS.—In
24 the case of a jurisdiction in which individuals are
25 not assigned to specific polling places, not later than

1 2 days before the beginning of an early voting pe-
2 riod, the appropriate election official shall notify
3 each individual eligible to vote in such jurisdiction of
4 the location of all polling places at which the indi-
5 vidual may vote.

6 “(3) NOTICE WITH RESPECT TO CLOSED POLL-
7 ING PLACES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If a location which
9 served as a polling place for an election for
10 Federal office in a State does not serve as a
11 polling place in the next election for Federal of-
12 fice held in the State, the State shall ensure
13 that signs are posted at such location on the
14 date of the election and during any early voting
15 period for the election containing the following
16 information:

17 “(i) A statement that the location is
18 not serving as a polling place in the elec-
19 tion.

20 “(ii) The locations serving as polling
21 places in the election in the jurisdiction in-
22 volved.

23 “(iii) The name and address of any
24 substitute polling place serving the same

1 precinct and directions from the former
2 polling place to the new polling place.

3 “(iv) Contact information, including a
4 telephone number and website, for the ap-
5 propriate State or local election official
6 through which an individual may find the
7 polling place to which the individual is as-
8 signed for the election.

9 “(B) INTERNET POSTING.—Each State
10 which is required to post signs under subpara-
11 graph (A) shall also provide such information
12 through a website and through social media (if
13 available).

14 “(4) LINGUISTIC PREFERENCE.—The notices
15 required under this subsection shall comply with the
16 requirements of section 203 of the Voting Rights
17 Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10503).

18 “(5) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall
19 apply with respect to elections held on or after Janu-
20 ary 1, 2024.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 302(e) of
22 such Act (52 U.S.C. 21082(e)), as redesignated by sub-
23 section (a), is amended by striking “Each State” and in-
24 serting “Except as provided in subsection (d)(4), each
25 State”.

1 **SEC. 1602. APPLICABILITY TO COMMONWEALTH OF THE**
2 **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.**

3 Paragraphs (6) and (8) of section 107 of the Uni-
4 formed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52
5 U.S.C. 20310) are each amended by striking “and Amer-
6 ican Samoa” and inserting “American Samoa, and the
7 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands”.

8 **SEC. 1603. ELIMINATION OF 14-DAY TIME PERIOD BETWEEN**
9 **GENERAL ELECTION AND RUNOFF ELECTION**
10 **FOR FEDERAL ELECTIONS IN THE VIRGIN IS-**
11 **LANDS AND GUAM.**

12 Section 2 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide that
13 the unincorporated territories of Guam and the Virgin Is-
14 lands shall each be represented in Congress by a Delegate
15 to the House of Representatives”, approved April 10,
16 1972 (48 U.S.C. 1712), is amended—

17 (1) by striking “(a) The Delegate” and insert-
18 ing “The Delegate”;

19 (2) by striking “on the fourteenth day following
20 such an election” in the fourth sentence of sub-
21 section (a); and

22 (3) by striking subsection (b).

1 **SEC. 1604. APPLICATION OF FEDERAL ELECTION ADMINIS-**
2 **TRATION LAWS TO TERRITORIES OF THE**
3 **UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF
5 1993.—Section 3(4) of the National Voter Registration
6 Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20502(4)) is amended by striking
7 “States and the District of Columbia” and inserting
8 “States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of
9 Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States
10 Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern
11 Mariana Islands”.

12 (b) HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002.—

13 (1) COVERAGE OF COMMONWEALTH OF THE
14 NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.—Section 901 of the
15 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21141)
16 is amended by striking “and the United States Vir-
17 gin Islands” and inserting “the United States Virgin
18 Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern
19 Mariana Islands”.

20 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO HELP
21 AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002.—Such Act is further
22 amended as follows:

23 (A) The second sentence of section
24 213(a)(2) (52 U.S.C. 20943(a)(2)) is amended
25 by striking “and American Samoa” and insert-

1 ing “American Samoa, and the Commonwealth
2 of the Northern Mariana Islands”.

3 (B) Section 252(c)(2) (52 U.S.C.
4 21002(c)(2)) is amended by striking “or the
5 United States Virgin Islands” and inserting
6 “the United States Virgin Islands, or the Com-
7 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands”.

8 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO
9 CONSULTATION OF HELP AMERICA VOTE FOUNDA-
10 TION WITH LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS.—Section
11 90102(c) of title 36, United States Code, is amend-
12 ed by striking “and the United States Virgin Is-
13 lands” and inserting “the United States Virgin Is-
14 lands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mar-
15 iana Islands”.

16 **SEC. 1605. APPLICATION OF FEDERAL VOTER PROTECTION**
17 **LAWS TO TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED**
18 **STATES.**

19 (a) INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS.—Section 594 of title
20 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “Delegate
21 from the District of Columbia, or Resident Commis-
22 sioner,” and inserting “or Delegate or Resident Commis-
23 sioner to the Congress”.

24 (b) INTERFERENCE BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOY-
25 EES.—Section 595 of title 18, United States Code, is

1 amended by striking “Delegate from the District of Co-
2 lumbia, or Resident Commissioner,” and inserting “or
3 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress”.

4 (c) VOTING BY NONCITIZENS.—Section 611(a) of
5 title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “Del-
6 egate from the District of Columbia, or Resident Commis-
7 sioner,” and inserting “or Delegate or Resident Commis-
8 sioner to the Congress”.

9 **SEC. 1606. ENSURING EQUITABLE AND EFFICIENT OPER-**
10 **ATION OF POLLING PLACES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—

12 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Subtitle A of title III of
13 the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C.
14 21081 et seq.), as amended by section 1031(a), sec-
15 tion 1044(a), section 1101(a), section 1102(a), sec-
16 tion 1103(a), section 1104(a), section 1201(a), sec-
17 tion 1301(a), section 1302(a), section 1303(b), and
18 section 1305(a), is amended—

19 (A) by redesignating sections 315 and 316
20 as sections 316 and 317, respectively; and

21 (B) by inserting after section 314 the fol-
22 lowing new section:

1 **“SEC. 315. ENSURING EQUITABLE AND EFFICIENT OPER-**
2 **ATION OF POLLING PLACES.**

3 “(a) **PREVENTING UNREASONABLE WAITING TIMES**
4 **FOR VOTERS.—**

5 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**Each State or jurisdiction
6 shall take reasonable efforts to provide a sufficient
7 number of voting systems, poll workers, and other
8 election resources (including physical resources) at a
9 polling place used in any election for Federal office,
10 including a polling place at which individuals may
11 cast ballots prior to the date of the election, to en-
12 sure—

13 “(A) a fair and equitable waiting time for
14 all voters in the State or jurisdiction; and

15 “(B) that no individual will be required to
16 wait longer than 30 minutes to cast a ballot at
17 the polling place.

18 “(2) **CRITERIA.—**In determining the number of
19 voting systems, poll workers, and other election re-
20 sources provided at a polling place for purposes of
21 paragraph (1), the State or jurisdiction shall take
22 into account the following factors:

23 “(A) The voting age population.

24 “(B) Voter turnout in past elections.

25 “(C) The number of voters registered.

1 “(D) The number of voters who have reg-
2 istered since the most recent Federal election.

3 “(E) Census data for the population served
4 by the polling place, such as the proportion of
5 the voting-age population who are under 25
6 years of age or who are naturalized citizens.

7 “(F) The needs and numbers of voters
8 with disabilities and voters with limited English
9 proficiency.

10 “(G) The type of voting systems used.

11 “(H) The length and complexity of initia-
12 tives, referenda, and other questions on the bal-
13 lot.

14 “(I) Such other factors, including relevant
15 demographic factors relating to the population
16 served by the polling place, as the State con-
17 siders appropriate.

18 “(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
19 this subsection may be construed—

20 “(A) to authorize a State or jurisdiction to
21 meet the requirements of this subsection by
22 closing any polling place, prohibiting an indi-
23 vidual from entering a line at a polling place,
24 or refusing to permit an individual who has ar-

1 rived at a polling place prior to closing time
2 from voting at the polling place; or

3 “(B) to limit the use of mobile voting cen-
4 ters.

5 “(b) LIMITING VARIATIONS ON NUMBER OF HOURS
6 OF OPERATION OF POLLING PLACES WITHIN A STATE.—

7 “(1) LIMITATION.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
9 subparagraph (B) and paragraph (2), each
10 State shall establish hours of operation for all
11 polling places in the State on the date of any
12 election for Federal office held in the State
13 such that the polling place with the greatest
14 number of hours of operation on such date is
15 not in operation for more than 2 hours longer
16 than the polling place with the fewest number
17 of hours of operation on such date.

18 “(B) PERMITTING VARIANCE ON BASIS OF
19 POPULATION.—Subparagraph (A) does not
20 apply to the extent that the State establishes
21 variations in the hours of operation of polling
22 places on the basis of the overall population or
23 the voting age population (as the State may se-
24 lect) of the unit of local government in which
25 such polling places are located.

1 “(2) EXCEPTIONS FOR POLLING PLACES WITH
2 HOURS ESTABLISHED BY UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERN-
3 MENT.—Paragraph (1) does not apply in the case of
4 a polling place—

5 “(A) whose hours of operation are estab-
6 lished, in accordance with State law, by the unit
7 of local government in which the polling place
8 is located; or

9 “(B) which is required pursuant to an
10 order by a court to extend its hours of oper-
11 ation beyond the hours otherwise established.

12 “(c) ENSURING ACCESS TO POLLING PLACES FOR
13 VOTERS.—

14 “(1) PROXIMITY TO PUBLIC TRANSPOR-
15 TATION.—To the greatest extent practicable, each
16 State and jurisdiction shall ensure that each polling
17 place used on the date of the election is located with-
18 in walking distance of a stop on a public transpor-
19 tation route.

20 “(2) AVAILABILITY IN RURAL AREAS.—In the
21 case of a jurisdiction that includes a rural area, the
22 State or jurisdiction shall—

23 “(A) ensure that an appropriate number of
24 polling places (not less than one) used on the

1 date of the election will be located in such rural
2 areas; and

3 “(B) ensure that such polling places are lo-
4 cated in communities which will provide the
5 greatest opportunity for residents of rural areas
6 to vote on the date of the election.

7 “(3) CAMPUSES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
8 EDUCATION.—In the case of a jurisdiction that is
9 not considered a vote by mail jurisdiction described
10 in section 310(b)(2) or a small jurisdiction described
11 in section 310(b)(3) and that includes an institution
12 of higher education (as defined under section 102 of
13 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
14 1002)), including a branch campus of such an insti-
15 tution, the State or jurisdiction shall—

16 “(A) ensure that an appropriate number of
17 polling places (not less than one) used on the
18 date of the election will be located on the phys-
19 ical campus of each such institution, including
20 each such branch campus; and

21 “(B) ensure that such polling places pro-
22 vide the greatest opportunity for residents of
23 the jurisdiction to vote.

1 “(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take ef-
2 fect upon the expiration of the 180-day period which be-
3 gins on the date of enactment of this subsection.”.

4 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO
5 ISSUANCE OF VOLUNTARY GUIDANCE BY ELECTION
6 ASSISTANCE COMMISSION.—Section 321(b) of such
7 Act (52 U.S.C. 21101(b)), as redesignated and
8 amended by section 1101(b) and as amended by sec-
9 tions, 1102, 1103, 1104, and 1201, is amended—

10 (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-
11 graph (4);

12 (B) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
13 paragraph (6);

14 (C) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated,
15 by striking “paragraph (4)” and inserting
16 “paragraph (4) or (5)”; and

17 (D) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
18 following new paragraph:

19 “(5) in the case of the recommendations with
20 respect to section 315, 180 days after the date of
21 enactment of such section; and”.

22 (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of
23 contents of such Act, as amended by section
24 1031(c), section 1044(b), section 1101(e), section
25 1102(c), section 1103(a), section 1104(e), section

1 1201(c), section 1301(a), section 1302(a), section
2 1303(b), and section 1305(b), is amended—

3 (A) by redesignating the items relating to
4 sections 315 and 316 as relating to sections
5 316 and 317, respectively; and

6 (B) by inserting after the item relating to
7 section 314 the following new item:

“Sec. 315. Ensuring equitable and efficient operation of polling places.”.

8 (b) STUDY OF METHODS TO ENFORCE FAIR AND
9 EQUITABLE WAITING TIMES.—

10 (1) STUDY.—The Election Assistance Commis-
11 sion and the Comptroller General of the United
12 States shall conduct a joint study of the effective-
13 ness of various methods of enforcing the require-
14 ments of section 315(a) of the Help America Vote
15 Act of 2002, as added by subsection (a), including
16 methods of best allocating resources to jurisdictions
17 which have had the most difficulty in providing a
18 fair and equitable waiting time at polling places to
19 all voters, and to communities of color in particular.

20 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after
21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Election As-
22 sistance Commission and the Comptroller General of
23 the United States shall publish and submit to Con-
24 gress a report on the study conducted under para-
25 graph (1).

1 **SEC. 1607. PROHIBITING STATES FROM RESTRICTING**
2 **CURBSIDE VOTING.**

3 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Subtitle A of title III of the
4 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.),
5 as amended by section 1031(a), section 1044(a), section
6 1101(a), section 1102(a), section 1103(a), section
7 1104(a), section 1201(a), section 1301(a), section
8 1302(a), section 1303(b), section 1305(a), and section
9 1606(a)(1), is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating sections 316 and 317 as
11 sections 317 and 318, respectively; and

12 (2) by inserting after section 315 the following
13 new section:

14 **“SEC. 316. PROHIBITING STATES FROM RESTRICTING**
15 **CURBSIDE VOTING.**

16 **“(a) PROHIBITION.**—A State may not—

17 “(1) prohibit any jurisdiction administering an
18 election for Federal office in the State from utilizing
19 curbside voting as a method by which individuals
20 may cast ballots in the election; or

21 “(2) impose any restrictions which would ex-
22 clude any individual who is eligible to vote in such
23 an election in a jurisdiction which utilizes curbside
24 voting from casting a ballot in the election by such
25 method.

1 “(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply
2 with respect to the regularly scheduled general election for
3 Federal office held in November 2024 and each succeeding
4 election for Federal office.”.

5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents
6 of such Act, as amended by section 1031(c), section
7 1044(b), section 1101(e), section 1102(c), section
8 1103(a), section 1104(c), section 1201(c), section
9 1301(a), section 1302(a), section 1303(b), section
10 1305(a), and section 1606(a)(3), is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
12 tions 316 and 317 as relating to sections 317 and
13 318, respectively; and

14 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
15 tion 315 the following new item:

“Sec. 316. Prohibiting States from restricting curbside voting.”.

16 **PART 2—IMPROVEMENTS IN OPERATION OF**
17 **ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

18 **SEC. 1611. REAUTHORIZATION OF ELECTION ASSISTANCE**
19 **COMMISSION.**

20 Section 210 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
21 (52 U.S.C. 20930) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “for each of the fiscal years
23 2003 through 2005” and inserting “for fiscal year
24 2024 and each succeeding fiscal year”; and

1 (2) by striking “(but not to exceed \$10,000,000
2 for each such year)”.

3 **SEC. 1612. RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE OPERATIONS**
4 **OF ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION.**

5 (a) **ASSESSMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
6 **AND CYBERSECURITY.**—Not later than June 30, 2024,
7 the Election Assistance Commission shall carry out an as-
8 sessment of the security and effectiveness of the Commis-
9 sion’s information technology systems, including the cy-
10 bersecurity of such systems.

11 (b) **IMPROVEMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**
12 **PROCEDURES.**—

13 (1) **REVIEW OF PROCEDURES.**—The Election
14 Assistance Commission shall carry out a review of
15 the effectiveness and efficiency of the State-based
16 administrative complaint procedures established and
17 maintained under section 402 of the Help America
18 Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21112) for the inves-
19 tigation and resolution of allegations of violations of
20 title III of such Act.

21 (2) **RECOMMENDATIONS TO STREAMLINE PRO-**
22 **CEDURES.**—Not later than June 30, 2024, the Com-
23 mission shall submit to Congress a report on the re-
24 view carried out under paragraph (1), and shall in-
25 clude in the report such recommendations as the

1 Commission considers appropriate to streamline and
2 improve the procedures which are the subject of the
3 review.

4 **SEC. 1613. REPEAL OF EXEMPTION OF ELECTION ASSIST-**
5 **ANCE COMMISSION FROM CERTAIN GOVERN-**
6 **MENT CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 205 of the Help America
8 Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20925) is amended by strik-
9 ing subsection (e).

10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
11 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to contracts entered
12 into by the Election Assistance Commission on or after
13 the date of enactment of this Act.

14 **PART 3—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

15 **SEC. 1621. DEFINITION OF ELECTION FOR FEDERAL OF-**
16 **FICE.**

17 (a) **DEFINITION.**—Title IX of the Help America Vote
18 Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21141 et seq.) is amended by add-
19 ing at the end the following new section:

20 **“SEC. 907. ELECTION FOR FEDERAL OFFICE DEFINED.**

21 “For purposes of titles I through III, the term ‘elec-
22 tion for Federal office’ means a general, special, primary,
23 or runoff election for the office of President or Vice Presi-
24 dent, or of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or
25 Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
2 of such Act is amended by adding at the end of the items
3 relating to title IX the following new item:

“Sec. 907. Election for Federal office defined.”.

4 **SEC. 1622. NO EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as specifically provided,
6 nothing in this title may be construed to authorize or re-
7 quire conduct prohibited under any of the following laws,
8 or to supersede, restrict, or limit the application of such
9 laws:

10 (1) The Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C.
11 10301 et seq.).

12 (2) The Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and
13 Handicapped Act (52 U.S.C. 20101 et seq.).

14 (3) The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Ab-
15 sence Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq.).

16 (4) The National Voter Registration Act of
17 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.).

18 (5) The Americans with Disabilities Act of
19 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).

20 (6) The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.
21 701 et seq.).

22 (b) NO EFFECT ON PRECLEARANCE OR OTHER RE-
23 QUIREMENTS UNDER VOTING RIGHTS ACT.—The ap-
24 proval by any person of a payment or grant application
25 under this title, or any other action taken by any person

1 under this title, shall not be considered to have any effect
2 on requirements for preclearance under section 5 of the
3 Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10304) or any other
4 requirements of such Act.

5 (c) NO EFFECT ON AUTHORITY OF STATES TO PRO-
6 VIDE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOTING.—Nothing
7 in this title or the amendments made by this title may
8 be construed to prohibit any State from enacting any law
9 which provides greater opportunities for individuals to reg-
10 ister to vote and to vote in elections for Federal office than
11 are provided by this title and the amendments made by
12 this title.

13 **SEC. 1623. CLARIFICATION OF EXEMPTION FOR STATES**
14 **WITHOUT VOTER REGISTRATION.**

15 To the extent that any provision of this title or any
16 amendment made by this title imposes a requirement on
17 a State relating to registering individuals to vote in elec-
18 tions for Federal office, such provision shall not apply in
19 the case of any State in which, under law that is in effect
20 continuously on and after the date of enactment of this
21 Act, there is no voter registration requirement for any
22 voter in the State with respect to an election for Federal
23 office.

1 **SEC. 1624. CLARIFICATION OF EXEMPTION FOR STATES**
2 **WHICH DO NOT COLLECT TELEPHONE INFOR-**
3 **MATION.**

4 (a) AMENDMENT TO HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF
5 2002.—Subtitle A of title III of the Help America Vote
6 Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.), as amended by
7 section 1031(a), section 1044(a), section 1101(a), section
8 1102(a), section 1103(a), section 1104(a), section
9 1201(a), section 1301(a), section 1302(a), section
10 1303(b), section 1305(a), section 1606(a)(1), and section
11 1607(a), is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating sections 317 and 318 as
13 sections 318 and 319, respectively; and

14 (2) by inserting after section 316 the following
15 new section:

16 **“SEC. 317. APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS TO**
17 **STATES WHICH DO NOT COLLECT TELE-**
18 **PHONE INFORMATION.**

19 **“(a) IN GENERAL.—**To the extent that any provision
20 of this title imposes a requirement on a State or jurisdic-
21 tion relating to contacting voters by telephone, such provi-
22 sion shall not apply in the case of any State which continu-
23 ously on and after the date of enactment of this Act, does
24 not collect telephone numbers for voters as part of voter
25 registration in the State with respect to an election for
26 Federal office.

1 “(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in
2 any case in which the voter has voluntarily provided tele-
3 phone information.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents
5 of such Act, as amended by section 1031(c), section
6 1044(b), section 1101(c), section 1102(c), section
7 1103(a), section 1104(c), section 1201(c), section
8 1301(a), section 1302(a), section 1303(b), section
9 1305(a), section 1606(a)(3), and section 1607(b), is
10 amended—

11 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
12 tions 317 and 318 as relating to sections 318 and
13 319, respectively; and

14 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
15 tion 316 the following new item:

“Sec. 317. Application of certain provisions to States which do not collect tele-
phone information.”.

16 **Subtitle H—Reserved**
17 **Subtitle I—Voter Identification and**
18 **Allowable Alternatives**

19 **SEC. 1801. REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER IDENTIFICATION.**

20 (a) REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION AS
21 CONDITION OF RECEIVING BALLOT.—Section 303 of the
22 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21083) is
23 amended by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as sub-

1 sections (d) and (e), respectively, and by inserting after
2 subsection (b) the following new subsection:

3 “(c) VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—

4 “(1) VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT
5 DEFINED.—For purposes of this subsection:

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘voter iden-
7 tification requirement’ means any requirement
8 that an individual desiring to vote in person in
9 an election for Federal office present identifica-
10 tion as a requirement to receive or cast a ballot
11 in person in such election.

12 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Such term does not in-
13 clude any requirement described in subsection
14 (b)(2)(A) as applied with respect to an indi-
15 vidual described in subsection (b)(1).

16 “(2) IN GENERAL.—If a State or local jurisdic-
17 tion has a voter identification requirement, the State
18 or local jurisdiction—

19 “(A) shall treat any applicable identifying
20 document as meeting such voter identification
21 requirement;

22 “(B) notwithstanding the failure to present
23 an applicable identifying document, shall treat
24 an individual desiring to vote in person in an

1 election for Federal office as meeting such voter
2 identification requirement if—

3 “(i) the individual presents the appro-
4 priate State or local election official with a
5 sworn written statement, signed in the
6 presence of the official by an adult who
7 has known the individual for not less than
8 6 months under penalty of perjury, attest-
9 ing to the individual’s identity;

10 “(ii) the official has known the indi-
11 vidual for at least six months; or

12 “(iii) in the case of a resident of a
13 State-licensed care facility, an employee of
14 the facility confirms the individual’s iden-
15 tity; and

16 “(C) shall permit any individual desiring to
17 vote in an election for Federal office who does
18 not present an applicable identifying document
19 required under subparagraph (A) or qualify for
20 an exception under subparagraph (B) to cast a
21 provisional ballot with respect to the election
22 under section 302(a) in accordance with para-
23 graph (3).

24 “(3) RULES FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An individual may
2 cast a provisional ballot pursuant to paragraph
3 (2)(C) so long as the individual presents the ap-
4 propriate State or local election official with a
5 sworn written statement, signed by the indi-
6 vidual under penalty of perjury, attesting to the
7 individual’s identity.

8 “(B) PROHIBITION ON OTHER REQUIRE-
9 MENTS.—Except as otherwise provided this
10 paragraph, a State or local jurisdiction may not
11 impose any other additional requirement or con-
12 dition with respect to the casting of a provi-
13 sional ballot by an individual described in para-
14 graph (2)(C).

15 “(C) COUNTING OF PROVISIONAL BAL-
16 LOT.—In the case of a provisional ballot cast
17 pursuant to paragraph (2)(C), the appropriate
18 State or local election official shall not make a
19 determination under section 302(a)(4) that the
20 individual is eligible under State law to vote in
21 the election unless—

22 “(i) the official determines that the
23 signature on such statement matches the
24 signature of such individual on the official
25 list of registered voters in the State or

1 other official record or document used by
2 the State to verify the signatures of voters;
3 or

4 “(ii) not later than 10 days after cast-
5 ing the provisional ballot, the individual
6 presents an applicable identifying docu-
7 ment, either in person or by electronic
8 methods, to the official and the official
9 confirms the individual is the person iden-
10 tified on the applicable identifying docu-
11 ment.

12 “(D) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE
13 DISCREPANCY IN SIGNATURES OR OTHER DE-
14 FECTS ON PROVISIONAL BALLOTS.—

15 “(i) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO
16 CURE DISCREPANCY IN SIGNATURES.—If
17 an individual casts a provisional ballot
18 under this paragraph and the appropriate
19 State or local election official determines
20 that a discrepancy exists between the sig-
21 nature on such ballot and the signature of
22 such individual on the official list of reg-
23 istered voters in the State or other official
24 record or document used by the State to
25 verify the signatures of voters, such elec-

1 tion official, prior to making a final deter-
2 mination as to the validity of such ballot,
3 shall—

4 “(I) as soon as practical, but not
5 later than the next business day after
6 such determination is made, make a
7 good faith effort to notify the indi-
8 vidual by mail, telephone, and (if
9 available) text message and electronic
10 mail that—

11 “(aa) a discrepancy exists
12 between the signature on such
13 ballot and the signature of the
14 individual on the official list of
15 registered voters in the State or
16 other official record or document
17 used by the State to verify the
18 signatures of voters; and

19 “(bb) if such discrepancy is
20 not cured prior to the expiration
21 of the third day following the
22 State’s deadline for receiving
23 mail-in ballots or absentee bal-
24 lots, such ballot will not be
25 counted; and

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“(II) cure such discrepancy and count the ballot if, prior to the expiration of the third day following the State’s deadline for receiving mail-in ballots or absentee ballots, the individual provides the official with information to cure such discrepancy, either in person, by telephone, or by electronic methods.

“(ii) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE OTHER DEFECTS.—If an individual casts a provisional ballot under this paragraph with a defect which, if left uncured, would cause the ballot to not be counted, the appropriate State or local election official, prior to making a final determination as to the validity of the ballot, shall—

“(I) as soon as practical, but not later than the next business day after such determination is made, make a good faith effort to notify the individual by mail, telephone, and (if available) text message and electronic mail that—

1 “(aa) the ballot has some
2 defect; and

3 “(bb) if the individual does
4 not cure the other defect prior to
5 the expiration of the third day
6 following the State’s deadline for
7 receiving mail-in ballots or absen-
8 tee ballots, such ballot will not be
9 counted; and

10 “(II) count the ballot if, prior to
11 the expiration of the third day fol-
12 lowing the State’s deadline for receiv-
13 ing mail-in ballots or absentee ballots,
14 the individual cures the defect.

15 “(E) NO EXEMPTION.—Notwithstanding
16 section 302(a), States described in section 4(b)
17 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993
18 shall be required to meet the requirements of
19 paragraph (2)(C).

20 “(F) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in para-
22 graph (2)(C) or this paragraph shall be
23 construed to prevent a State from permit-
24 ting an individual who provides a sworn
25 statement described in subparagraph (A)

1 to cast a regular ballot in lieu of a provi-
2 sional ballot.

3 “(ii) REGULAR BALLOT.—For purpose
4 of this subparagraph, the term ‘regular
5 ballot’ means a ballot which is cast and
6 counted in the same manner as ballots cast
7 by individuals meeting the voter identifica-
8 tion requirement (and all other applicable
9 requirements with respect to voting in the
10 election).

11 “(4) DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF PRE-PRINTED
12 VERSION OF STATEMENT BY COMMISSION.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall
14 develop pre-printed versions of the statements
15 described in paragraphs (2)(B)(i) and (3)(A)
16 which include appropriate blank spaces for the
17 provision of names and signatures.

18 “(B) PROVIDING PRE-PRINTED COPY OF
19 STATEMENT.—Each State and jurisdiction that
20 has a voter identification requirement shall
21 make copies of the pre-printed version of the
22 statement developed under subparagraph (A)
23 available at polling places for use by individuals
24 voting in person.

1 “(5) REQUIRED PROVISION OF IDENTIFYING
2 DOCUMENTS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each State and juris-
4 diction that has a voter identification require-
5 ment shall—

6 “(i) for each individual who, on or
7 after the applicable date, is registered to
8 vote in such State or jurisdiction in elec-
9 tions for Federal office, provide the indi-
10 vidual with a government-issued identifica-
11 tion that meets the requirements of this
12 subsection without charge;

13 “(ii) for each individual who, before
14 the applicable date, was registered to vote
15 in such State or jurisdiction in elections
16 for Federal office but does not otherwise
17 possess an identifying document, provide
18 the individual with a government-issued
19 identification that meets the requirements
20 of this subsection without charge, so long
21 as the State provides the individual with
22 reasonable opportunities to obtain such
23 identification prior to the date of the elec-
24 tion; and

1 “(iii) for each individual who is pro-
2 vided with an identification under clause
3 (i) or clause (ii), provide the individual
4 with such assistance without charge upon
5 request as may be necessary to enable the
6 individual to obtain and process any docu-
7 mentation necessary to obtain the identi-
8 fication.

9 “(B) APPLICABLE DATE.—For purposes of
10 this paragraph, the term ‘applicable date’
11 means the later of—

12 “(i) January 1, 2024, or

13 “(ii) the first date after the date of
14 enactment of this subsection for which the
15 State or local jurisdiction has in effect a
16 voter identification requirement.

17 “(6) APPLICABLE IDENTIFYING DOCUMENT.—
18 For purposes of this subsection—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘applicable
20 identifying document’ means, with respect to
21 any individual, any document issued to such in-
22 dividual containing the individual’s name.

23 “(B) INCLUDED DOCUMENTS.—The term
24 ‘applicable identifying document’ shall include
25 any of the following (so long as such document

1 is not expired, as indicated by an expiration
2 date included on the document):

3 “(i) A valid driver’s license or an
4 identification card issued by a State, the
5 Federal Government, or a State or feder-
6 ally recognized Tribal government.

7 “(ii) A State-issued identification de-
8 scribed in paragraph (4).

9 “(iii) A valid United States passport
10 or passport card.

11 “(iv) A valid employee identification
12 card issued by—

13 “(I) any branch, department,
14 agency, or entity of the United States
15 Government or of any State,

16 “(II) any State or federally rec-
17 ognized Tribal government, or

18 “(III) any county, municipality,
19 board, authority, or other political
20 subdivision of a State.

21 “(v) A valid student identification
22 card issued by an institution of higher edu-
23 cation, or a valid high school identification
24 card issued by a State-accredited high
25 school.

1 “(vi) A valid military identification
2 card issued by the United States.

3 “(vii) A valid gun license or concealed
4 carry permit.

5 “(viii) A valid Medicare card or Social
6 Security card.

7 “(ix) A valid birth certificate.

8 “(x) A valid voter registration card.

9 “(xi) A valid hunting or fishing li-
10 cense issued by a State.

11 “(xii) A valid identification card
12 issued to the individual by the Supple-
13 mental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) pro-
14 gram.

15 “(xiii) A valid identification card
16 issued to the individual by the Temporary
17 Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
18 program.

19 “(xiv) A valid identification card
20 issued to the individual by Medicaid.

21 “(xv) A valid bank card or valid debit
22 card.

23 “(xvi) A valid utility bill issued within
24 six months of the date of the election.

1 “(xvii) A valid lease or mortgage doc-
2 ument issued within six months of the date
3 of the election.

4 “(xviii) A valid bank statement issued
5 within six months of the date of the elec-
6 tion.

7 “(xix) A valid health insurance card
8 issued to the voter.

9 “(xx) Any other document containing
10 the individual’s name issued by—

11 “(I) any branch, department,
12 agency, or entity of the United States
13 Government or of any State;

14 “(II) any State or federally rec-
15 ognized tribal government; or

16 “(III) any county, municipality,
17 board, authority, or other political
18 subdivision of a State.

19 “(C) COPIES AND ELECTRONIC DOCU-
20 MENTS ACCEPTED.—The term ‘applicable iden-
21 tifying document’ includes—

22 “(i) any copy of a document described
23 in subparagraph (A) or (B); and

1 “(ii) any document described in sub-
2 paragraph (A) or (B) which is presented in
3 electronic format.”.

4 (b) PAYMENTS TO STATES TO COVER COSTS OF RE-
5 QUIRED IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Election Assistance
7 Commission shall make payments to States to cover
8 the costs incurred in providing identifications under
9 section 303(c)(5) of the Help America Vote Act of
10 2002, as amended by this section.

11 (2) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—The amount of the
12 payment made to a State under this subsection for
13 any year shall be equal to the amount of fees which
14 would have been collected by the State during the
15 year in providing the identifications required under
16 section 303(c)(5) of such Act if the State had
17 charged the usual and customary rates for such
18 identifications, as determined on the basis of infor-
19 mation furnished to the Commission by the State at
20 such time and in such form as the Commission may
21 require.

22 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
23 There are authorized to be appropriated for pay-
24 ments under this subsection an aggregate amount of

1 \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 and each of the 4
2 succeeding fiscal years.

3 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
4 303(b)(2)(A) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52
5 U.S.C. 21083(b)(2)(A)) is amended—

6 (1) in clause (i), by striking “in person” and all
7 that follows and inserting “in person, presents to the
8 appropriate State or local election official an applica-
9 ble identifying document (as defined in subsection
10 (c)(6)); or”; and

11 (2) in clause (ii), by striking “by mail” and all
12 that follows and inserting “by mail, submits with the
13 ballot an applicable identifying document (as so de-
14 fined).”.

15 (d) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this section,
16 the term “State” means each of the several States, the
17 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,
18 Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Is-
19 lands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
20 Islands.

21 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 303(e) of such Act
22 (52 U.S.C. 21083(d)(2)), as redesignated by subsection
23 (a), is amended by adding at the end the following new
24 paragraph:

1 (2) the term “voter caging list” means a list of
2 individuals compiled from voter caging documents;
3 and

4 (3) the term “unverified match list” means any
5 list produced by matching the information of reg-
6 istered voters or applicants for voter registration to
7 a list of individuals who are ineligible to vote in the
8 registrar’s jurisdiction, by virtue of death, convic-
9 tion, change of address, or otherwise, unless one of
10 the pieces of information matched includes a signa-
11 ture, photograph, or unique identifying number en-
12 suring that the information from each source refers
13 to the same individual.

14 (b) PROHIBITION AGAINST VOTER CAGING.—No
15 State or local election official shall prevent an individual
16 from registering or voting in any election for Federal of-
17 fice, or permit in connection with any election for Federal
18 office a formal challenge under State law to an individual’s
19 registration status or eligibility to vote, if the basis for
20 such decision is evidence consisting of—

21 (1) a voter caging document or voter caging
22 list;

23 (2) an unverified match list;

24 (3) an error or omission on any record or paper
25 relating to any application, registration, or other act

1 requisite to voting, if such error or omission is not
2 material to an individual's eligibility to vote under
3 section 2004(a)(2)(B) of the Revised Statutes (52
4 U.S.C. 10101(a)(2)(B)); or

5 (4) any other evidence so designated for pur-
6 poses of this section by the Election Assistance Com-
7 mission,

8 except that the election official may use such evidence if
9 it is corroborated by independent evidence of the individ-
10 ual's ineligibility to register or vote.

11 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—

12 (1) CIVIL ENFORCEMENT.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General
14 may bring a civil action in an appropriate dis-
15 trict court for such declaratory or injunctive re-
16 lief as is necessary to carry out this section.

17 (B) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—

18 (i) IN GENERAL.—A person who is ag-
19 grieved by a violation of this section may
20 provide written notice of the violation to
21 the chief election official of the State in-
22 volved.

23 (ii) RELIEF.—Except as provided in
24 clause (iii), if the violation is not corrected
25 within 90 days after receipt of a notice

1 under clause (i), or within 20 days after
2 receipt of the notice if the violation oc-
3 curred within 120 days before the date of
4 an election for Federal office, the ag-
5 grievied person may, in a civil action, ob-
6 tain declaratory or injunctive relief with re-
7 spect to the violation.

8 (iii) EXCEPTION.—If the violation oc-
9 curred within 30 days before the date of
10 an election for Federal office, on the date
11 of the election, or after the date of the
12 election but prior to the completion of the
13 canvass, the aggrieved person need not
14 provide notice under clause (i) before
15 bringing a civil action to obtain declaratory
16 or injunctive relief with respect to the vio-
17 lation.

18 (2) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—Whoever knowingly
19 challenges the eligibility of one or more individuals
20 to register or vote or knowingly causes the eligibility
21 of such individuals to be challenged in violation of
22 this section with the intent that one or more eligible
23 voters be disqualified, shall be fined under title 18,
24 United States Code, or imprisoned not more than 1

1 year, or both, for each such violation. Each violation
2 shall be a separate offense.

3 (d) NO EFFECT ON RELATED LAWS.—Nothing in
4 this section is intended to override the protections of the
5 National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.
6 20501 et seq.) or to affect the Voting Rights Act of 1965
7 (52 U.S.C. 10301 et seq.).

8 **PART 2—SAVING ELIGIBLE VOTERS FROM VOTER**
9 **PURGING**

10 **SEC. 1911. CONDITIONS FOR REMOVAL OF VOTERS FROM**
11 **LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS.**

12 (a) CONDITIONS DESCRIBED.—The National Voter
13 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.) is
14 amended by inserting after section 8 the following new
15 section:

16 **“SEC. 8A. CONDITIONS FOR REMOVAL OF VOTERS FROM**
17 **OFFICIAL LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS.**

18 **“(a) VERIFICATION ON BASIS OF OBJECTIVE AND**
19 **RELIABLE EVIDENCE OF INELIGIBILITY.—**

20 **“(1) REQUIRING VERIFICATION.—**Notwith-
21 standing any other provision of this Act, a State
22 may not remove the name of any registrant from the
23 official list of voters eligible to vote in elections for
24 Federal office in the State unless the State verifies,

1 on the basis of objective and reliable evidence, that
2 the registrant is ineligible to vote in such elections.

3 “(2) FACTORS NOT CONSIDERED AS OBJECTIVE
4 AND RELIABLE EVIDENCE OF INELIGIBILITY.—For
5 purposes of paragraph (1), except as permitted
6 under section 8(d) after a notice described in para-
7 graph (2) of such section has been sent, the fol-
8 lowing factors, or any combination thereof, shall not
9 be treated as objective and reliable evidence of a reg-
10 istrant’s ineligibility to vote:

11 “(A) The failure of the registrant to vote
12 in any election.

13 “(B) The failure of the registrant to re-
14 spond to any election mail, unless the election
15 mail has been returned as undeliverable.

16 “(C) The failure of the registrant to take
17 any other action with respect to voting in any
18 election or with respect to the registrant’s sta-
19 tus as a registrant.

20 “(3) REMOVAL BASED ON OFFICIAL
21 RECORDS.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this sec-
23 tion shall prohibit a State from removing a reg-
24 istrant from the official list of eligible voters in
25 elections for Federal office if, on the basis of of-

1 ficial records maintained by the State, a State
2 or local election official knows, on the basis of
3 objective and reliable evidence, that the reg-
4 istrant has—

5 “(i) died; or

6 “(ii) permanently moved out of the
7 State and is no longer eligible to vote in
8 the State.

9 “(B) OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE
10 ELIGIBILITY.—The State shall provide a voter
11 removed from the official list of eligible voters
12 in elections for Federal office under this para-
13 graph an opportunity to demonstrate that the
14 registrant is eligible to vote and be reinstated
15 on the official list of eligible voters in elections
16 for Federal office in the State.

17 “(b) NOTICE AFTER REMOVAL.—

18 “(1) NOTICE TO INDIVIDUAL REMOVED.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 48
20 hours after a State removes the name of a reg-
21 istrant from the official list of eligible voters,
22 the State shall send notice of the removal to the
23 former registrant, and shall include in the no-
24 tice the grounds for the removal and informa-
25 tion on how the former registrant may contest

1 the removal or be reinstated, including a tele-
2 phone number for the appropriate election offi-
3 cial.

4 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A)
5 does not apply in the case of a registrant—

6 “(i) who sends written confirmation to
7 the State that the registrant is no longer
8 eligible to vote in the registrar’s jurisdic-
9 tion in which the registrant was registered;
10 or

11 “(ii) who is removed from the official
12 list of eligible voters by reason of the death
13 of the registrant.

14 “(2) PUBLIC NOTICE.—Not later than 48 hours
15 after conducting any general program to remove the
16 names of ineligible voters from the official list of eli-
17 gible voters (as described in section 8(a)(4)), the
18 State shall disseminate a public notice through such
19 methods as may be reasonable to reach the general
20 public (including by publishing the notice in a news-
21 paper of wide circulation and posting the notice on
22 the websites of the appropriate election officials)
23 that list maintenance is taking place and that reg-
24 istrants should check their registration status to en-
25 sure no errors or mistakes have been made. The

1 State shall ensure that the public notice dissemi-
2 nated under this paragraph is in a format that is
3 reasonably convenient and accessible to voters with
4 disabilities, including voters who have low vision or
5 are blind.”.

6 (b) CONDITIONS FOR TRANSMISSION OF NOTICES OF
7 REMOVAL.—Section 8(d) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
8 20507(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following
9 new paragraph:

10 “(4) A State may not transmit a notice to a
11 registrant under this subsection unless the State ob-
12 tains objective and reliable evidence (in accordance
13 with the standards for such evidence which are de-
14 scribed in section 8A(a)(2)) that the registrant has
15 changed residence to a place outside the registrar’s
16 jurisdiction in which the registrant is registered.”.

17 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

18 (1) NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF
19 1993.—Section 8(a) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
20 20507(a)) is amended—

21 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “pro-
22 vide” and inserting “subject to section 8A, pro-
23 vide”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “con-
2 duct” and inserting “subject to section 8A, con-
3 duct”.

4 (2) HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002.—Section
5 303(a)(4)(A) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
6 (52 U.S.C. 21083(a)(4)(A)) is amended by striking
7 “registrants” the second place it appears and insert-
8 ing “and subject to section 8A of such Act, reg-
9 istrants”.

10 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of
12 this Act.

13 **Subtitle K—Severability**

14 **SEC. 1921. SEVERABILITY.**

15 If any provision of this title or any amendment made
16 by this title, or the application of any such provision or
17 amendment to any person or circumstance, is held to be
18 unconstitutional, the remainder of this title, and the appli-
19 cation of such provision or amendment to any other person
20 or circumstance, shall not be affected by the holding.

