

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 7418
OFFERED BY MR. STEIL OF WISCONSIN**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Securing Tech and
3 Election Administration Defenses For All States and Ter-
4 ritories Act” or the “STEADFAST Act”.

**5 SEC. 2. CONVERSION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAM-
6 PAIGN FUNDING PROGRAM TO STATE GRANT
7 PROGRAM FOR ELECTION SECURITY.**

8 (a) ELECTION SECURITY PROGRAM.—

9 (1) PAYMENTS.—Subtitle H of the Internal
10 Revenue Code of 1985 is amended by adding at the
11 end the following new chapter:

**12 “CHAPTER 97—ELECTION SECURITY
13 PROGRAM AND FUND**

**14 “SEC. 9051. PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR ELECTION SECU-
15 RITY.**

16 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS.—The Election
17 Assistance Commission shall establish and operate a pro-
18 gram under which the Commission shall make payments

1 to eligible States for activities to promote the security of
2 elections for Federal office by updating voting systems to
3 meet security standards.

4 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—A State is eligible to receive a
5 payment under this chapter if the State submits to the
6 Commission, at such time and in such form as the Com-
7 mission may require, an application containing the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(1) A plan for the use of the payment.

10 “(2) A certification that the State does not per-
11 mit noncitizens to vote in any election for public of-
12 fice held in the State.

13 “(3) Assurances that the State will submit re-
14 ports to the Commission, at such frequency as the
15 Commission may require, on the use of the payment.

16 “(4) Such other information and assurances as
17 the Commission may require.

18 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

19 “(1) ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.—An eligible State
20 may use a payment received under this chapter for
21 the following:

22 “(A) Acquiring voting equipment.

23 “(B) Cybersecurity efforts to protect vot-
24 ing systems.

1 “(C) Providing physical security for the
2 storage of voting equipment.

3 “(D) Modernizing and replacing the com-
4 ponents of voting systems.

5 “(E) Purchasing and printing paper bal-
6 lots and implementing security features for pro-
7 tecting paper ballots.

8 “(F) Securing and protecting electronic
9 poll books.

10 “(2) PROHIBITION.—A State may not use the
11 funds provided under a payment received under this
12 chapter to pay any of the following:

13 “(A) Costs associated with training for
14 election administrators, other than training in
15 the use of election system equipment.

16 “(B) Costs associated with any litigation
17 or for the payment of any judgement.

18 “(d) USE OF QUALIFIED VENDORS.—

19 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—An eligible State may
20 use a payment received under this chapter to carry
21 out activities through a vendor, but only if the ven-
22 dor is certified as a qualified vendor by the Commis-
23 sion under paragraph (2).

24 “(2) CERTIFICATION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall
2 certify vendors as qualified vendors for pur-
3 poses of this chapter in accordance with such
4 criteria as the Commission considers appro-
5 priate, except that the Commission may not
6 certify a vendor as a qualified vendor if the ven-
7 dor directly provided funds to a State or unit
8 of local government to support the administra-
9 tion of an election for Federal office.

10 “(B) DEADLINE.—Not later than 90 days
11 after the date of the enactment of the Securing
12 Tech and Election Administration Defenses For
13 All States and Territories Act, the Commission
14 shall publish the list of qualified vendors for
15 purposes of this chapter.

16 “(e) PRIORITY FOR CERTAIN STATES.—In deter-
17 mining the eligible States which will receive payments
18 under this chapter, the Commission shall give priority to
19 States which meet each of the following conditions in car-
20 rying out elections for Federal office:

21 “(1) The State uses paper ballots which permit
22 voters to verify the vote cast on the ballot and which
23 may serve as a paper trail for purposes of post-elec-
24 tion audits.

1 “(2) The State uses available resources to en-
2 sure that noncitizens are not registered to vote and
3 do not vote in such elections, which may include the
4 Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Pro-
5 gram administered by the Secretary of Homeland
6 Security and the Social Security Number
7 Verification Service of the Social Security Adminis-
8 tration.

9 “(3) The State requires a voter to, in order to
10 obtain a ballot at a polling place, provide to an elec-
11 tion official any of the following forms of valid photo
12 identification:

13 “(A) A valid State-issued motor vehicle
14 driver’s license that includes a photo of the in-
15 dividual and an expiration date.

16 “(B) A valid State-issued identification
17 card that includes a photo of the individual and
18 an expiration date.

19 “(C) A valid United States passport for
20 the individual.

21 “(D) A valid military identification for the
22 individual.

23 “(E) A valid identification document
24 issued by a Tribal government that includes a
25 photo of the individual and an expiration date.

1 “(F) Any other form of government-issued
2 identification specified by the State as valid
3 photo identification for purposes of this sub-
4 section, excluding identification cards provided
5 by an educational institution.

6 “(f) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—

7 “(1) NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS.—The
8 amount of the payment made to an eligible State
9 under this chapter for a fiscal year shall be equal to
10 the product of—

11 “(A) the aggregate amount made available
12 for payments to eligible States under this chap-
13 ter for the fiscal year; and

14 “(B) the registered voter population pro-
15 portion for the State (as defined in paragraph
16 (2)).

17 “(2) REGISTERED VOTER POPULATION PROPOR-
18 TION.—The term ‘registered voter population pro-
19 portion’ means, with respect to an eligible State, the
20 amount equal to the quotient of—

21 “(A) the number of individuals who are
22 registered to vote in elections for Federal office
23 held in the State, as determined by the State on
24 the basis of the most recent information avail-
25 able; and

1 “(B) the total number of individuals who
2 are registered to vote in elections for Federal
3 office held in all eligible States, as determined
4 by the Commission on the basis of the informa-
5 tion determined by the eligible States under
6 subparagraph (A).

7 “(g) REPORT REQUIRED.—Each State that receives
8 a payment under this chapter shall provide to the Commis-
9 sion and make available on a publicly accessible website
10 of the State a report detailing—

11 “(1) how such payment was spent; and

12 “(2) the extent to which the State complied
13 with or deviated from the information submitted in
14 the application described in subsection (b).

15 **“SEC. 9052. ELECTION SECURITY FUND.**

16 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby established
18 on the books of the Treasury of the United States
19 a special fund to be known as the ‘Election Security
20 Fund’, which shall be used to carry out the program
21 under this chapter.

22 “(2) LIMIT ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—
23 The Commission may use not more than 5 percent
24 of the amount in the Fund during a fiscal year for

1 the administrative expenses of the Fund during the
2 fiscal year.

3 “(b) FUNDS DESIGNATED BY INDIVIDUAL TAX-
4 PAYERS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall, from time
5 to time, transfer to the fund an amount not in excess of
6 the sum of the amounts designated to the fund by individ-
7 uals under section 6096.

8 “(c) APPROPRIATION.—There is appropriated to the
9 Fund for each fiscal year, out of amounts in the general
10 fund of the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, an
11 amount equal to the amounts so designated during each
12 fiscal year, which shall remain available to the Fund with-
13 out fiscal year limitation.

14 **“SEC. 9053. PUBLIC INFORMATION ON PROGRAM AND**
15 **FUND.**

16 “(a) PROVIDING INFORMATION TO PUBLIC.—The
17 Commission shall provide information to the public on the
18 program established under this chapter and the use of the
19 designation of income tax payments under section 6096
20 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to transfer amounts
21 to the Election Security Fund, including by establishing
22 and operating a hyperlink to such information on the
23 Commission’s official public website.

24 “(b) DEADLINE.—The Commission shall meet the re-
25 quirements of subsection (a) not later than 180 days after

1 the date of the enactment of the Securing Tech and Elec-
2 tion Administration Defenses For All States and Terri-
3 tories Act.

4 **“SEC. 9054. DEFINITIONS.**

5 “In this chapter—

6 “(1) the term ‘Commission’ means the Election
7 Assistance Commission;

8 “(2) the term ‘Fund’ means the Election Secu-
9 rity Fund established under section 9052; and

10 “(3) the term ‘State’ means each of the several
11 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
12 of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United
13 States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the
14 Northern Mariana Islands.”.

15 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
16 tions for subtitle H of such Code is amended by add-
17 ing at the end the following:

“CHAPTER 97—ELECTION SECURITY PROGRAM AND FUND

“Sec. 9051. Payments to States for election security.

“Sec. 9052. Election Security Fund.

“Sec. 9053. Public information on Program and Fund.

“Sec. 9054. Definitions.”.

18 (b) DESIGNATION OF INCOME TAX PAYMENTS TO
19 ELECTION SECURITY FUND.—

20 (1) DESIGNATION.—Section 6096(a) of such
21 Code is amended by striking “the Presidential Elec-

1 tion Campaign Fund” and inserting “the Election
2 Security Fund”.

3 (2) REFERENCE TO EAC WEBSITE WITH PUBLIC
4 INFORMATION ON PROGRAM AND FUND.—Section
5 6096(a) of such Code is amended by adding at the
6 end the following new sentence: “The Secretary shall
7 ensure that the individual tax return form includes
8 a citation to the hyperlink on the official public
9 website of the Election Assistance Commission which
10 is established and operated under section 9053.”.

11 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
12 by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to taxable
13 years ending after December 31, 2025.

14 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION OF TAXPAYER FINANCING OF PRESI-**
15 **DENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

16 (a) TERMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
17 CAMPAIGN FUND.—

18 (1) TERMINATION.—Chapter 95 of subtitle H
19 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by
20 adding at the end the following new section:

21 **“SEC. 9014. TERMINATION.**

22 “The provisions of this chapter shall not apply with
23 respect to any presidential election (or any presidential
24 nominating convention) after the date of the enactment
25 of this section, or to any candidate in such an election.”.

1 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
2 tions for chapter 95 of subtitle H of such Code is
3 amended by adding at the end the following new
4 item:

“Sec. 9014. Termination.”.

5 (b) TERMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
6 MATCHING PAYMENT ACCOUNT.—

7 (1) TERMINATION.—Chapter 96 of subtitle H
8 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the
9 following new section:

10 **“SEC. 9043. TERMINATION.**

11 “The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any
12 candidate with respect to any presidential election after
13 the date of the enactment of this section.”.

14 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
15 tions for chapter 96 of subtitle H of such Code is
16 amended by adding at the end the following new
17 item:

“Sec. 9043. Termination.”.

18 (c) TRANSFER OF REMAINING FUNDS TO ELECTION
19 SECURITY FUND.—Section 9006 of such Code is amended
20 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

21 “(d) TRANSFER OF FUNDS REMAINING AFTER TER-
22 MINATION.—The Secretary shall transfer the amounts in
23 the fund as of the date of the enactment of this subsection

1 to the Election Security Fund under section 9052, to be
2 available as described in such section.”.

