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H. R. 9368

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require the provision of identification as a condition of casting a ballot in an election for Federal office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEIL (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. GRIFFITH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Voter ID Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING VOTERS TO PROVIDE PHOTO IDENTIFI-**
6 **FICATION.**

7 (a) **REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE PHOTO IDENTIFICA-**
8 **TION AS CONDITION OF CASTING BALLOT.—**

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Help Amer-
2 ica Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.) is
3 amended by inserting after section 303 the following
4 new section:

5 **“SEC. 303A. PHOTO IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

6 “(a) PROVISION OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED AS
7 CONDITION OF CASTING BALLOT.—

8 “(1) INDIVIDUALS VOTING IN PERSON.—

9 “(A) REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE IDENTI-
10 FICATION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
11 sion of law and except as provided in subpara-
12 graph (B), the appropriate State or local elec-
13 tion official may not provide a ballot for an
14 election for Federal office to an individual who
15 desires to vote in person unless the individual
16 presents to the official a valid physical photo
17 identification.

18 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF PROVISIONAL BAL-
19 LOT.—

20 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If an individual
21 does not present the identification required
22 under subparagraph (A), the individual
23 shall be permitted to cast a provisional bal-
24 lot with respect to the election under sec-
25 tion 302(a), except that the appropriate

1 State or local election official may not
2 make a determination under section
3 302(a)(4) that the individual is eligible
4 under State law to vote in the election un-
5 less, not later than 3 days after casting the
6 provisional ballot, the individual presents
7 to the official—

8 “(I) the identification required
9 under subparagraph (A); or

10 “(II) an affidavit developed and
11 made available to the individual by
12 the State attesting that the individual
13 does not possess the identification re-
14 quired under subparagraph (A) be-
15 cause the individual has a religious
16 objection to being photographed.

17 “(ii) NO EFFECT ON OTHER PROVI-
18 SIONAL BALLOTING RULES.—Nothing in
19 clause (i) may be construed to apply to the
20 casting of a provisional ballot pursuant to
21 section 302(a) or any State law for reasons
22 other than the failure to present the identi-
23 fication required under subparagraph (A).

24 “(2) INDIVIDUALS VOTING OTHER THAN IN
25 PERSON.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
2 other provision of law and except as provided in
3 subparagraph (B), the appropriate State or
4 local election official may not accept any ballot
5 for an election for Federal office provided by an
6 individual who votes other than in person unless
7 the individual submits with the ballot—

8 “(i) a copy of a valid photo identifica-
9 tion; or

10 “(ii) the last four digits of the individ-
11 ual’s Social Security number and an affi-
12 davit developed and made available to the
13 individual by the State attesting that the
14 individual is unable to obtain a copy of a
15 valid photo identification after making rea-
16 sonable efforts to obtain such a copy.

17 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A)
18 does not apply with respect to a ballot provided
19 by—

20 “(i) an absent uniformed services
21 voter, as defined in section 107(1) of the
22 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee
23 Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20310(1)); or

24 “(ii) an individual provided the right
25 to vote otherwise than in person under sec-

1 tion 3(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Voting Accessi-
2 bility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act
3 (52 U.S.C. 20102(b)(2)(B)(ii)).

4 “(b) PROVIDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO DIGITAL IMAG-
5 ING DEVICES.—With respect to each State, the appro-
6 priate State or local government official of the State shall
7 ensure, to the extent practicable, public access to a digital
8 imaging device, which shall include a printer, copier,
9 image scanner, or multifunction machine, at State and
10 local government buildings in the State, including courts,
11 libraries, and police stations, for the purpose of allowing
12 individuals to use such a device at no cost to the individual
13 to make a copy of a valid photo identification.

14 “(c) NOTIFICATION OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIRE-
15 MENT TO APPLICANTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall ensure
17 that, at the time an individual applies to register to
18 vote in elections for Federal office in the State, the
19 appropriate State or local election official notifies
20 the individual of the photo identification require-
21 ments of this section.

22 “(2) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS APPLY-
23 ING TO REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE.—Each State
24 shall ensure that, in the case of an individual who
25 applies to register to vote in elections for Federal of-

1 fice in the State online, the online voter registration
2 system notifies the individual of the photo identifica-
3 tion requirements of this section before the indi-
4 vidual completes the online registration process.

5 “(d) VALID PHOTO IDENTIFICATION DEFINED.—For
6 purposes of this section, a ‘valid photo identification’
7 means, with respect to an individual who seeks to vote in
8 an election for Federal office, any of the following:

9 “(1) A valid State-issued motor vehicle driver’s
10 license that includes a photo of the individual and an
11 expiration date.

12 “(2) A valid State-issued identification card
13 that includes a photo of the individual and an expi-
14 ration date issued by a State motor vehicle author-
15 ity.

16 “(3) A valid United States passport for the in-
17 dividual.

18 “(4) A valid military identification for the indi-
19 vidual.

20 “(5) A valid identification document issued by
21 a Tribal government that includes a photo of the in-
22 dividual and an expiration date.”.

23 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
24 tents of such Act is amended by inserting after the
25 item relating to section 303 the following new item:

“Sec. 303A. Photo identification requirements.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO VOL-
2 UNTARY GUIDANCE BY ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMIS-
3 SION.—Section 311(b) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 21101(b))
4 is amended—

5 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
6 (2);

7 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
8 graph (3) and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(4) in the case of the recommendations with
12 respect to section 303A, the date that is 90 days
13 after the date of the enactment of the Voter ID
14 Act.”.

15 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-
16 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 21111)
17 is amended by striking “sections 301, 302, 303, and 304”
18 and inserting “subtitle A of title III”.

19 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
20 ments made by this section shall take effect on the date
21 that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
22 Act.

1 **SEC. 3. GRANT PROGRAM FOR PROVISION OF STATE AND**
2 **TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle D of title II of the Help
4 America Vote Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–252; 52
5 U.S.C. 21001 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new part:

7 **“PART 7—GRANT PROGRAM FOR PROVISION OF**
8 **IDENTIFICATION**

9 **“SEC. 298. GRANT PROGRAM FOR PROVISION OF IDENTI-**
10 **FICATION.**

11 “(a) GRANTS TO STATES.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall
13 make grants to each State that provides identifica-
14 tion described in paragraph (2) without charge to
15 any individual who—

16 “(A) is eligible for such identification; and

17 “(B) provides an attestation under penalty
18 of perjury that the individual cannot afford to
19 pay the fee otherwise charged by the State for
20 the provision of the identification.

21 “(2) IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—An identi-
22 fication described in this subsection is—

23 “(A) a State-issued motor vehicle driver’s
24 license that includes a photo of the individual
25 and an expiration date; and

1 “(B) an identification card issued by a
2 State motor vehicle authority that includes a
3 photo of the individual and an expiration date.

4 “(b) GRANTS TO TRIBES.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall
6 make grants to each Tribal government that pro-
7 vides identification described in paragraph (2) with-
8 out charge to any individual who—

9 “(A) is eligible for such identification; and

10 “(B) provides an attestation under penalty
11 of perjury that the individual cannot afford to
12 pay such fee.

13 “(2) IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—An identi-
14 fication described in this subsection is an identifica-
15 tion document issued by a Tribal government that
16 includes a photo of the individual and an expiration
17 date.

18 “(3) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—In this sub-
19 section, the term ‘Tribal government’ means the gov-
20 erning body of any Indian or Alaska Native tribe,
21 band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the
22 Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an
23 Indian tribe under the Federally Recognized Indian
24 Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 479a et seq.).”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
2 of such Act is amended by inserting after the item relating
3 to section 296 the following:

“PART 7—GRANT PROGRAM FOR PROVISION OF IDENTIFICATION

“Sec. 298. Grant program for provision of identification.”.

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