

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5352

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to prohibit States from disqualifying individuals convicted of criminal offenses, other than individuals convicted of murder, manslaughter, or sex crimes, from registering to vote or voting in elections for Federal office.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 2016

Mr. GRAYSON (for himself, Mr. ELLISON, and Mr. CONYERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## 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 “No One Can Take  
5 Away Your Right to Vote Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING DISQUALIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS**  
2 **CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL OF-**  
3 **FENSES FROM REGISTERING TO VOTE OR**  
4 **VOTING IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS.**

5 (a) PROHIBITING STATES FROM DISQUALIFYING IN-  
6 DIVIDUALS FROM REGISTERING TO VOTE OR VOTING.—  
7 Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993  
8 (52 U.S.C. 20507) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-  
10 section (k); and

11 (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-  
12 lowing new subsection:

13 “(j) PROHIBITING DISQUALIFICATION OF INDIVID-  
14 UALS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES  
15 FROM REGISTERING TO VOTE OR VOTING IN ELECTIONS  
16 FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.—

17 “(1) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in  
18 paragraph (2), a State may not disqualify an indi-  
19 vidual who is not incarcerated from registering to  
20 vote or voting in an election for Federal office held  
21 in the State on the grounds that the individual is  
22 convicted of a criminal offense, or is on probation or  
23 parole related to such an offense.

24 “(2) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES.—  
25 Paragraph (1) does not apply to the criminal of-  
26 fenses of murder or manslaughter, or to any sex

1 crime, as such offenses and crimes are defined under  
2 the laws of the State involved.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO PRO-  
4 CEDURES FOR REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUALS FROM OFFI-  
5 CIAL LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS.—Section 8(a)(3)(B) of  
6 such Act (52 U.S.C. 20507(a)(3)(B)) is amended by strik-  
7 ing “by reason of criminal conviction” and inserting “by  
8 reason of conviction of a criminal offense or crime de-  
9 scribed in subsection (j)(2)”.

10 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
12 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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