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H. R. 7117

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit a State from receiving or using funds or certain donations from private entities for the administration of an election for Federal office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2022

Mr. COLE (for himself, Mr. LATURNER, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. MANN, Ms. MACE, Ms. FOXX, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. ELLZEY, and Mr. STEUBE) 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 “Protect American Elec-
5 tion Administration Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST THE RECEIPT OR USE OF**
2 **FUNDS OR CERTAIN DONATIONS FROM PRI-**
3 **VATE ENTITIES.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Title III of the Help America
5 Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating sections 304 and 305 as
7 sections 305 and 306, respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after section 303 the following
9 new section:

10 **“SEC. 304. PROHIBITION AGAINST THE RECEIPT OR USE OF**
11 **FUNDS OR CERTAIN DONATIONS FROM PRI-**
12 **VATE ENTITIES FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRA-**
13 **TION.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A State may not solicit, receive,
15 or expend any payment or donation of funds, property,
16 or personal services from a private entity for the purpose
17 of the administration of an election for Federal office, in-
18 cluding any programs with respect to voter education,
19 voter outreach, and voter registration.

20 “(b) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply with
21 respect to the acceptance and use by a State of a donation
22 from a private entity of space to be used for a polling place
23 or an early voting site in the State.”.

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-
25 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of the Help America Vote Act

1 of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21111) is amended by striking “and
2 303” and inserting “303, and 304”.

3 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
4 of such Act is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
6 tions 304 and 305 as relating to sections 305 and
7 306, respectively; and

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

“Sec. 304. Prohibition against the receipt or use of funds or certain donations
from private entities for election administration.”.

10 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 this section shall apply with respect to the regularly sched-
12 uled general election for Federal office held in November
13 2022 and each succeeding election for Federal office.

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