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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GREENE of Georgia (for herself, Mr. DAVIDSON, and Mr. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To modify the timing of each decennial census of population, to count only citizens under any such census, to apportion Representatives in Congress among the several States based on such census, and for other purposes.

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 “Making American  
5 Elections Great Again Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CENSUS OF POPULATION TIMING MODIFICATIONS**  
2 **AND APPORTIONMENT BASED ONLY ON NUM-**  
3 **BER OF CITIZENS.**

4 (a) CENSUS.—Section 141 of title 13, United States  
5 Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking the first sen-  
7 tence and inserting the following: “The Secretary  
8 shall, on the date of the enactment of the Making  
9 American Elections Great Again Act and every 10  
10 years thereafter, take a decennial census of popu-  
11 lation. The date on which such census is conducted  
12 shall be known as the ‘decennial census date’. Any  
13 such census may be conducted in such form and  
14 content as the Secretary may determine, including  
15 the use of sampling procedures and special sur-  
16 veys.”;

17 (2) in subsection (d)—

18 (A) by striking “in the year 1985 and  
19 every 10 years thereafter” and inserting “in the  
20 year that is 5 years after the year a decennial  
21 census of population is conducted under sub-  
22 section (a) and every 10 years thereafter”; and

23 (B) by striking the last sentence and in-  
24 serting the following: “The census under this  
25 subsection shall be taken on the date that is 5  
26 years after the date a decennial census of popu-

1           lation is conducted under subsection (a), as  
2           amended by the Making American Elections  
3           Great Again Act, and that date shall be known  
4           as the ‘mid-decade census date.’”;

5           (3) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-  
6           section (h); and

7           (4) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-  
8           lowing:

9           “(g) In conducting the census required by subsection  
10          (a), as amended by the Making American Elections Great  
11          Again Act, and each decennial census thereafter, the Sec-  
12          retary shall include in any questionnaire distributed or  
13          otherwise used for the purpose of determining the total  
14          population by States a checkbox or other similar option  
15          for the respondent to indicate, for the respondent and for  
16          each of the members of the household of the respondent,  
17          whether such individual is a citizen of the United States.”.

18          (b) APPORTIONMENT.—

19                 (1) EXCLUSION OF NONCITIZENS FROM NUM-  
20          BER OF PERSONS USED TO DETERMINE APPORTION-  
21          MENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND NUMBER OF  
22          ELECTORAL VOTES.—

23                 (A) EXCLUSION.—Section 22(a) of the Act  
24                 entitled “An Act to provide for the fifteenth  
25                 and subsequent decennial censuses and to pro-

1           vide for apportionment of Representatives in  
2           Congress”, approved June 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C.  
3           2a(a)), is amended by inserting after “not  
4           taxed” the following: “and individuals who are  
5           not citizens of the United States”.

6           (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment  
7           made by subparagraph (A) shall apply with re-  
8           spect to the apportionment of Representatives  
9           carried out pursuant to paragraph (2) and any  
10          decennial census thereafter.

11          (2) APPORTIONMENT UNDER NEW CENSUS.—

12       For purposes of establishing the number of districts  
13       for the election of Representatives in a State with  
14       respect to the One Hundred Twentieth Congress,  
15       each State shall, immediately after the date of the  
16       completion of the first census required under section  
17       141(a) of title 13, United States Code, as amended  
18       by subsection (a) of this section, begin to carry out  
19       redistricting pursuant to the apportionment of Mem-  
20       bers of the House of Representatives as a result of  
21       such census.

1 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT PHOTO**  
2 **IDENTIFICATION AND PROOF OF UNITED**  
3 **STATES CITIZENSHIP TO VOTE IN FEDERAL**  
4 **ELECTIONS.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT  
6 PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AND PROOF OF UNITED STATES  
7 CITIZENSHIP AS CONDITION OF CASTING BALLOT.—Title  
8 III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C.  
9 21081 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 303  
10 the following new section:

11 **“SEC. 303A. GOVERNMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AND**  
12 **PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP RE-**  
13 **QUIRED TO VOTE IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS.**

14 “(a) PROVISION OF GOVERNMENT PHOTO IDENTI-  
15 FICATION AND PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP  
16 REQUIRED AS CONDITION OF CASTING BALLOT.—

17 “(1) INDIVIDUALS VOTING IN PERSON.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
19 other provision of law, the appropriate State or  
20 local election official may not provide a ballot  
21 for an election for Federal office to an indi-  
22 vidual who desires to vote in person unless the  
23 individual presents to the official—

24 “(i) a document that is both proof of  
25 United States citizenship and government  
26 photo identification; or

1 “(ii) a document that is proof of  
2 United States citizenship, together with a  
3 document that is government photo identi-  
4 fication, if—

5 “(I) the name of the applicant is  
6 identical on both such documents; or

7 “(II) in the case that the name  
8 of the applicant is not identical on  
9 both such documents, the applicant  
10 provides evidence sufficient to dem-  
11 onstrate that the name of such appli-  
12 cant has changed, such as a court  
13 order, marriage certificate, divorce de-  
14 cree, or other vital document record.

15 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF PROVISIONAL BAL-  
16 LOT.—If an individual does not present the  
17 identification required under subparagraph (A),  
18 the individual shall be permitted to cast a provi-  
19 sional ballot with respect to the election under  
20 section 302(a) but such provisional ballot may  
21 only be counted as a vote in that election in ac-  
22 cordance with State law if the individual is  
23 verified as a citizen of the United States by the  
24 appropriate State or local election official under  
25 section 302(a)(4).

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

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

9           “(i) a copy of a document that is both  
10       proof of United States citizenship and gov-  
11       ernment photo identification; or

12          “(ii) a copy of a document that is  
13       proof of United States citizenship, together  
14       with a copy of a document that is govern-  
15       ment photo identification, if—

16          “(I) the name of the applicant is  
17       identical on both such documents; or

18          “(II) in the case that the name  
19       of the applicant is not identical on  
20       both such documents, the applicant  
21       provides evidence sufficient to dem-  
22       onstrate that the name of such appli-  
23       cant has changed, such as a court  
24       order, marriage certificate, divorce de-  
25       cree, or other vital document record.

1           “(B) AVAILABILITY OF PROVISIONAL BAL-  
 2           LOT.—An individual who desires to vote by mail  
 3           but who does not meet the requirements of sub-  
 4           paragraph (A) may cast such a ballot by mail  
 5           and the ballot shall be counted as a provisional  
 6           ballot in accordance with section 302(a) but  
 7           such provisional ballot may only be counted as  
 8           a vote in that election in accordance with State  
 9           law if the individual is verified as a citizen of  
 10          the United States by the appropriate State or  
 11          local election official under section 302(a)(4).

12          “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13           “(1) GOVERNMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.—  
 14          The term ‘government photo identification’ means,  
 15          with respect to an applicant for voter registration, a  
 16          valid identification card issued by a Federal, State,  
 17          or Tribal government that includes—

18                   “(A) a photograph of the applicant;

19                   “(B) the full name of the applicant; and

20                   “(C) the date of birth of the applicant.

21           “(2) PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN-  
 22          SHIP.—The term ‘proof of United States citizenship’  
 23          means, with respect to an applicant for voter reg-  
 24          istration, any of the following:

25                   “(A) A valid United States passport.



1           “(B) A United States military record of  
2           service showing that the place of birth of the  
3           applicant was in the United States.

4           “(C) A valid photo identification card  
5           issued by a Federal, State, or Tribal govern-  
6           ment showing that the place of birth of the ap-  
7           plicant was in the United States.

8           “(D) A certified birth certificate issued by  
9           a State, a unit of local government in a State,  
10          or a Tribal government which—

11           “(i) was issued by the State, unit of  
12           local government, or Tribal government in  
13           which the applicant was born;

14           “(ii) was filed with the office respon-  
15           sible for keeping vital records in the State;

16           “(iii) includes the full name, date of  
17           birth, and place of birth of the applicant;

18           “(iv) lists the full names of one or  
19           both of the parents of the applicant;

20           “(v) has the signature of an individual  
21           who is authorized to sign birth certificates  
22           on behalf of the State, unit of local govern-  
23           ment, or Tribal government in which the  
24           applicant was born;

1 “(vi) includes the date that the certifi-  
2 cate was filed with the office responsible  
3 for keeping vital records in the State; and

4 “(vii) has the seal of the State, unit  
5 of local government, or Tribal government  
6 that issued the birth certificate.

7 “(E) An extract from a United States hos-  
8 pital Record of Birth created at the time of the  
9 birth of the applicant that indicates that the  
10 applicant’s place of birth was in the United  
11 States.

12 “(F) A final adoption decree showing the  
13 name of the applicant and that the applicant’s  
14 place of birth was in the United States.

15 “(G) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad  
16 of a citizen of the United States or a certifi-  
17 cation of the applicant’s Report of Birth of a  
18 United States citizen issued by the Secretary of  
19 State.

20 “(H) A Naturalization Certificate or Cer-  
21 tificate of Citizenship issued by the Secretary of  
22 Homeland Security or any other document or  
23 method of proof of United States citizenship  
24 issued by the Federal government pursuant to

1 title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
2 (8 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.).

3 “(I) An American Indian Card issued by  
4 the Department of Homeland Security with the  
5 classification ‘KIC’.”.

6 (b) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Section 12(2) of the Na-  
7 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.  
8 20511(2)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph  
10 (A);

11 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-  
12 paragraph (D); and

13 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-  
14 lowing new subparagraphs:

15 “(B) providing material assistance to a  
16 noncitizen in attempting to vote in an election  
17 for Federal office;

18 “(C) providing a ballot for an election for  
19 Federal office to an individual who fails to  
20 present government photo identification and  
21 proof of United States citizenship; or”.

22 (c) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

23 (1) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO  
24 REPEAL OF EXISTING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION RE-  
25 QUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN VOTERS.—Section 303

1 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C.  
2 21083) is amended—

3 (A) in the heading, by striking “**AND RE-**  
4 **QUIREMENTS FOR VOTERS WHO REGISTER**  
5 **BY MAIL**”;

6 (B) in subsection (b)—

7 (i) in the heading, by striking “FOR  
8 VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL” and in-  
9 serting “FOR MAIL-IN REGISTRATION  
10 FORMS”; and

11 (ii) by striking paragraphs (1), (2),  
12 and (3) and redesignating paragraphs (4)  
13 and (5) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respec-  
14 tively; and

15 (C) in subsection (c), by striking “sub-  
16 sections (a)(5)(A)(i)(II) and (b)(3)(B)(i)(II)”  
17 and inserting “subsection (a)(5)(A)(i)(II)”.

18 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATED TO  
19 ENFORCEMENT.—Section 401 of such Act (52  
20 U.S.C. 21111) is amended by striking “sections 301,  
21 302, 303, and 304” and inserting “subtitle A of title  
22 III”.

23 (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
24 tents of such Act is amended—

1 (A) by amending the item relating to sec-  
2 tion 303 to read as follows:

“Sec. 303. Computerized statewide voter registration list requirements.”;

3 and

4 (B) by inserting after the item relating to  
5 section 303 the following:

“Sec. 303A. Proof of United States citizenship to vote in Federal elections.”.

6 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-  
7 ments made by this section shall apply with respect to any  
8 regularly scheduled general election for Federal office oc-  
9 ccurring in November 2026 and any Federal election there-  
10 after.

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