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H. R. 7182

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to establish minimum notification requirements for voters affected by polling place changes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2026

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. CASTEN) 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 Outreach for
5 Transparent Elections Act” or the “VOTE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VOT-**
2 **ERS AFFECTED BY POLLING PLACE**
3 **CHANGES.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 302 of the Help Amer-
5 ica Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21082) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
7 section (e); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(d) MINIMUM NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
11 VOTERS AFFECTED BY POLLING PLACE CHANGES.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a State assigns an indi-
13 vidual who is a registered voter in a State to a poll-
14 ing place with respect to an election for Federal of-
15 fice which is not the same polling place to which the
16 individual was previously assigned with respect to
17 the most recent election for Federal office in the
18 State in which the individual was eligible to vote—

19 “(A) the State shall notify the individual of
20 the location of the polling place not later than
21 7 days before the date of the election;

22 “(B) the appropriate election official of the
23 State shall post a general notice on the website
24 of the State or jurisdiction, on social media
25 platforms (if available), and on signs at the
26 prior polling place; and

1 “(C) if the State makes such an assign-
2 ment fewer than 7 days before the date of the
3 election and the individual appears on the date
4 of the election at the polling place to which the
5 individual was previously assigned, the State
6 shall make every reasonable effort to enable the
7 individual to vote on the date of the election.

8 “(2) METHODS OF NOTIFICATION.—The appro-
9 priate election official shall notify an individual
10 under paragraph (1)(A) by mail, telephone, and (if
11 available) text message and electronic mail.

12 “(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTE CENTERS.—In
13 the case of a jurisdiction in which individuals are
14 not assigned to specific polling places, not later than
15 2 days before the beginning of an early voting pe-
16 riod, the appropriate election official shall notify
17 each individual eligible to vote in such jurisdiction of
18 the location of all polling places at which the indi-
19 vidual may vote.

20 “(4) NOTICE WITH RESPECT TO CLOSED POLL-
21 ING PLACES.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If a location which
23 served as a polling place for an election for
24 Federal office in a State does not serve as a
25 polling place in the next election for Federal of-

1 fice held in the State, the State shall ensure
2 that signs are posted at such location on the
3 date of the election and during any early voting
4 period for the election containing the following
5 information:

6 “(i) A statement that the location is
7 not serving as a polling place in the elec-
8 tion.

9 “(ii) The locations serving as polling
10 places in the election in the jurisdiction in-
11 volved.

12 “(iii) The name and address of any
13 substitute polling place serving the same
14 precinct and directions from the former
15 polling place to the new polling place.

16 “(iv) Contact information, including a
17 telephone number and website, for the ap-
18 propriate State or local election official
19 through which an individual may find the
20 polling place to which the individual is as-
21 signed for the election.

22 “(B) INTERNET POSTING.—Each State
23 which is required to post signs under subpara-
24 graph (A) shall also provide such information

1 through a website and through social media (if
2 available).

3 “(C) LINGUISTIC PREFERENCE.—The no-
4 tices required under this subsection shall com-
5 ply with the requirements of section 203 of the
6 Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10503).

7 “(5) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall
8 apply with respect to elections held on or after Janu-
9 ary 1, 2026.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 302(e) of
11 such Act (52 U.S.C. 21082(f)), as redesignated by sub-
12 section (a), is amended by striking “Each State” and in-
13 serting “Except as provided in subsection (d)(5), each
14 State”.

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