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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2026

Ms. BOEBERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Trump-Reagan Elec-
5 tion Enforcement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WITHHOLDING OF FEDERAL FUNDS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 23, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 180. Election requirements**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall withhold 10
7 percent of the amount required to be apportioned to any
8 State under section 104(b) on the first day of each fiscal
9 year that begins after fiscal year 2026, and an additional
10 5 percent each fiscal year thereafter, if the State does not
11 have laws in effect as described in subsection (b).

12 “(b) ENACTED LAWS REQUIRED.—The laws de-
13 scribed in this subsection are as follows:

14 “(1) The State may not accept or process an
15 application to register to vote in a Federal election
16 unless the applicant presents documentary proof of
17 U.S. citizenship with one of the following:

18 “(A) A form of identification issued con-
19 sistent with the requirements of the REAL ID
20 Act of 2005 that indicates the applicant is a
21 citizen of the United States.

22 “(B) A valid United States passport.

23 “(C) The applicant’s official United States
24 military identification card, together with a
25 United States military record of service showing

1 that the applicant’s place of birth was in the
2 United States.

3 “(D) A valid government-issued photo
4 identification card issued by a Federal, State or
5 Tribal government showing that the applicant’s
6 place of birth was in the United States.

7 “(E) A valid government-issued photo
8 identification card issued by a Federal, State or
9 Tribal government other than an identification
10 described in subparagraphs (A) through (D),
11 but only if presented together with one or more
12 of the following:

13 “(i) A certified birth certificate issued
14 by a State, a unit of local government in
15 a State, or a Tribal government which—

16 “(I) was issued by the State, unit
17 of local government, or Tribal govern-
18 ment in which the applicant was born;

19 “(II) was filed with the office re-
20 sponsible for keeping vital records in
21 the State;

22 “(III) includes the full name,
23 date of birth, and place of birth of the
24 applicant;

1 “(IV) lists the full names of one
2 or both of the parents of the appli-
3 cant;

4 “(V) has the signature of an in-
5 dividual who is authorized to sign
6 birth certificates on behalf of the
7 State, unit of local government, or
8 Tribal government in which the appli-
9 cant was born;

10 “(VI) includes the date that the
11 certificate was filed with the office re-
12 sponsible for keeping vital records in
13 the State; and has the seal of the
14 State, unit of local government, or
15 Tribal government that issued the
16 birth certificate.

17 “(ii) An extract from a United States
18 hospital Record of Birth created at the
19 time of the applicant’s birth which indi-
20 cates that the applicant’s place of birth
21 was in the United States.

22 “(iii) A final adoption decree showing
23 the applicant’s name and that the appli-
24 cant’s place of birth was in the United
25 States.

1 “(iv) A Consular Report of Birth
2 Abroad of a citizen of the United States or
3 a certification of the applicant’s Report of
4 Birth of a United States citizen issued by
5 the Secretary of State.

6 “(v) A Naturalization Certificate or
7 Certificate of Citizenship issued by the
8 Secretary of Homeland Security or any
9 other document or method of proof of
10 United States citizenship issued by the
11 Federal Government pursuant to the Im-
12 migration and Nationality Act.

13 “(vi) An American Indian Card issued
14 by the Department of Homeland Security
15 with the classification ‘KIC’.

16 “(2) The State shall have established an alter-
17 native process under which an applicant who is not
18 able to meet the requirements of the law described
19 in paragraph (1) may submit evidence to dem-
20 onstrate U.S. citizenship.

21 “(3) The State shall require affirmative steps
22 on an ongoing basis to ensure that only U.S. citizens
23 are registered to vote, which shall include estab-
24 lishing a program to identify individuals who are not
25 U.S. citizens.

1 “(4) The States shall require individuals who
2 submit a mail voter registration application to
3 present documentary proof of U.S. citizenship in
4 person to the office of the appropriate election offi-
5 cial not later than the deadline provided by State
6 law for the receipt of a completed voter registration
7 application for the election. Upon receiving an other-
8 wise completed mail voter registration application
9 form prescribed by the Election Assistance Commis-
10 sion, the appropriate election official shall transmit
11 a notice to the applicant of the requirement to
12 present documentary proof of United States citizen-
13 ship and shall include in the notice instructions to
14 enable the applicant to meet the requirement.

15 “(5) The State shall remove noncitizens from
16 official lists of eligible voters.

17 “(6) The states shall permit the private right of
18 action against an election official who registers an
19 applicant to vote in a Federal election who fails to
20 present documentary proof of U.S. citizenship.

21 “(7) The State shall establish criminal penalties
22 for registering an applicant to vote in a Federal elec-
23 tion who fails to present documentary proof of U.S.
24 citizenship.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
2 ter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by add-
3 ing at the end the following:

“180. Election requirements.”.

