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To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require each individual registering to vote in elections for Federal office to provide the individual's Social Security number and to permit a State to remove a registrant who fails to vote in two consecutive general elections for Federal office from the official list of eligible voters in elections for Federal office on the ground that the registrant has changed residence, if the registrant fails to respond to written notices requesting confirmation of the registrant's residence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

Mr. McCOLLUM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on House Oversight

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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 “Integrity in Voter Reg-
 5 istration Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING APPLICANTS REGISTERING TO VOTE TO**
 7 **PROVIDE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.**

8 (a) REGISTRATION WITH APPLICATION FOR DRIV-
 9 ER’S LICENSE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(c)(2) of the Na-
 11 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C.
 12 1973gg–3(c)(2)) is amended—

13 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
 14 paragraph (D);

15 (B) by striking the period at the end of
 16 subparagraph (E) and inserting “; and”; and

17 (C) by adding at the end the following new
 18 subparagraph:

19 “(F) shall require the applicant to provide the
 20 applicant’s Social Security number.”.

21 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 22 5(c)(2)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–
 23 3(c)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting after “subpara-
 24 graph (C)” the following: “, or the information de-
 25 scribed in subparagraph (F)”.

1 (b) MAIL REGISTRATION.—Section 9(b)(1) of such
 2 Act (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–7(b)(1)) is amended by striking
 3 “may require only such identifying information” and in-
 4 serting the following: “shall require the applicant to pro-
 5 vide the applicant’s Social Security number, and may re-
 6 quire only such additional identifying information”.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 8 this section shall take effect January 1, 1998, and shall
 9 apply with respect to applicants registering to vote in elec-
 10 tions for Federal office on or after such date.

11 **SEC. 3. REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REGISTRANTS FROM OFFI-**
 12 **CIAL LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(d) of the National Voter
 14 Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–6(d)) is
 15 amended—

16 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
 17 graph (4); and

18 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the follow-
 19 ing new paragraph:

20 “(3)(A) At the option of the State, a State may re-
 21 move the name of a registrant from the official list of eligi-
 22 ble voters in elections for Federal office on the ground that
 23 the registrant has changed residence if—

24 “(i) the registrant has not voted or appeared to
 25 vote (and, if necessary, correct the registrar’s record

1 of the registrant's address) in an election during the
2 period beginning on the day after the date of the
3 second previous general election for Federal office
4 held prior to the date the confirmation notice de-
5 scribed in subparagraph (B) is sent and ending on
6 the date of such notice;

7 “(ii) the registrant has not voted or appeared to
8 vote (and, if necessary, correct the registrar's record
9 of the registrant's address) in any of the first two
10 general elections for Federal office held after the
11 confirmation notice described in subparagraph (B) is
12 sent; and

13 “(iii) during the period beginning on the date
14 the confirmation notice described in subparagraph
15 (B) is sent and ending on the date of the second
16 general election for Federal office held after the date
17 such notice is sent, the registrant has failed to notify
18 the State in response to the notice that the reg-
19 istrant did not change his or her residence, or
20 changed residence but remained in the registrar's ju-
21 risdiction.

22 “(B) A confirmation notice described in this subpara-
23 graph is a postage prepaid and pre-addressed return card,
24 sent by forwardable mail, on which a registrant may state

1 his or her current address, together with information con-
2 cerning how the registrant can continue to be eligible to
3 vote if the registrant has changed residence to a place out-
4 side the registrar's jurisdiction and a statement that the
5 registrant may be removed from the official list of eligible
6 voters if the registrant does not respond to the notice (dur-
7 ing the period described in subparagraph (A)(iii)) by stat-
8 ing that the registrant did not change his or her residence,
9 or changed residence but remained in the registrar's juris-
10 diction.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8(i)(2) of
12 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–6(d)) is amended by insert-
13 ing “or subsection (d)(3)” after “subsection (d)(2)”.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section shall take effect January 1, 1998, and shall
16 apply with respect to general elections for Federal office
17 held on or after January 1, 1996.

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