

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2778

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2005

Mr. DENT 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Common Sense in
3 Voter Registration Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. PERMITTING REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUALS FAILING**
5 **TO VOTE DURING 2 CONSECUTIVE ELECTION**
6 **CYCLES AND FAILING TO RESPOND TO SUB-**
7 **SEQUENT NOTICE FROM REGISTRAR.**

8 (a) REMOVAL PERMITTED.—Section 8(d)(1)(B) of
9 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C.
10 1973gg—6(d)(1)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

11 “(B)(i) has not voted or appeared to vote (and,
12 if necessary, correct the registrar’s record of the reg-
13 istrant’s address) in any election for public office
14 held in the registrar’s jurisdiction during any period
15 which begins on the day after the date of a regularly
16 scheduled general election for Federal office and
17 which ends on the date of the second regularly
18 scheduled general election for Federal office held
19 after such date;

20 “(ii) has been mailed a notice described in para-
21 graph (2) by the appropriate voting registrar after
22 the expiration of the period described in clause (i);
23 and

24 “(iii) has failed to respond to such notice prior
25 to the expiration of the 60-day period which begins
26 on the date such notice is mailed.”.

1 (b) CONTENTS OF NOTICE.—Section 8(d)(2)(A) of
2 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973gg—6(d)(2)(A)) is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 “(A) If the registrant did not change his or her
5 residence, or changed residence but remained in the
6 registrar’s jurisdiction, the registrant should return
7 the card prior to the expiration of the 60-day period
8 which begins on the date the notice is mailed. If the
9 card is not returned prior to the expiration of such
10 period, the registrant’s name will be removed from
11 the list of registered voters.”.

12 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

13 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
14 respect to regularly scheduled general elections for Fed-
15 eral office beginning with the election scheduled to be held
16 in November 2006.

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