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# H. R. 2457

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2007

Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. BACA, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Ms. CARSON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. KAGEN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KIND, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. Sires, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Ms. WATERS, Ms. WATSON, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. HODES, and Ms. WOOLSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election.

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 “Same-Day Voter Reg-  
3 istration Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING STATES TO PERMIT VOTER REGIS-  
5 TRATION ON DATE OF ELECTION.**

6 (a) DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES AS VOTER  
7 REGISTRATION AGENCIES.—Section 7(a)(2) of the Na-  
8 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg-  
9 5(a)(2)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
11 graph (A);

12 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
13 paragraph (B) and inserting “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
15 paragraph:

16 “(C) each polling place in the State at which  
17 ballots are cast in an election for Federal office  
18 which is not otherwise designated as a voter reg-  
19 istration agency under subparagraph (A) or (B) or  
20 paragraph (3).”.

21 (b) SPECIAL RULES.—Section 7(a) of such Act (42  
22 U.S.C. 1973gg-5(a)) is amended by adding at the end the  
23 following new paragraph:

24 “(8) In the case of a polling place at which ballots  
25 are cast in an election for Federal office which is des-

1 designated as a voter registration agency, the following rules  
2 shall apply:

3           “(A) At the option of the State, the polling  
4 place shall serve as a voter registration agency only  
5 on the date of the election.

6           “(B) On the date of the election, the polling  
7 place may not make services available under this  
8 section to any eligible applicant who does not cast a  
9 ballot at the polling place on such date.

10           “(C) Clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of paragraph  
11 (6)(B) shall not apply with respect to any forms dis-  
12 tributed by the polling place on the date of the elec-  
13 tion.”.

14 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8(a)(1) of  
15 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973gg-6(a)(1)) is amended—

16           (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “agency,”  
17 and inserting “agency (other than an agency subject  
18 to subparagraph (D));”;

19           (2) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
20 graph (C);

21           (3) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-  
22 paragraph (E); and

23           (4) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-  
24 lowing new subparagraph:

1                 “(D) in the case of registration on the date  
2                 of the election at a polling place designated as  
3                 a voter registration agency under paragraph  
4                 (2)(C), if the valid voter registration form of  
5                 the applicant is accepted at the polling place;  
6                 and”.

7   **SEC. 3. TRANSMITTAL OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO**  
8                 **STATE ELECTION OFFICIAL.**

9                 Section 7(d) of the National Voter Registration Act  
10   of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–5(d)) is amended—

11                 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph  
12                 (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3)”; and  
13                 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
14                 paragraph:

15                 “(3) In the case of a registration application accepted  
16   on the date of an election by a voter registration agency  
17   described in paragraph (2)(C), the agency shall transmit  
18   the application to the appropriate State election official  
19   at the time the agency transmits the ballots cast in the  
20   election to the official.”.

21   **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22                 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with  
23   respect to the regularly scheduled general election for Fed-

1 eral office held during November 2008 and each subse-  
2 quent election for Federal office.

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