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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2012

Mr. OLSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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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 Fraud Preven-
5 tion Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN PENALTIES FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVI-**
7 **TIES INVOLVING VOTER REGISTRATION AND**
8 **VOTING.**

9 (a) INCREASE IN LENGTH OF TERM OF IMPRISON-
10 MENT.—Section 12 of the National Voter Registration Act
11 of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–10) is amended in the matter
12 following paragraph (2) by striking “5 years” and insert-
13 ing “10 years”.

14 (b) PROHIBITION FROM VOTING IN SUBSEQUENT
15 ELECTIONS.—Section 12 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–
16 10) is amended in the matter following paragraph (2) by
17 striking the period at the end and inserting the following:
18 “and, in the case of an individual, shall not be permitted
19 to cast a ballot in any subsequent election for Federal of-
20 fice.”.

21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 this section shall apply with respect to violations occurring
23 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. REQUIRING USE OF AUTOMATED TAGGING AND**
2 **TRACING SERVICES FOR BALLOTING MATE-**
3 **RIALS TRANSMITTED TO ABSENT UNI-**
4 **FORMED SERVICES VOTERS.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 102 of the Uni-
7 formed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 1973ff–1) is amended by adding at the
9 end the following new subsection:

10 “(j) REQUIRING USE OF AUTOMATED TAGGING AND
11 TRACING SERVICES FOR BALLOTING MATERIALS TRANS-
12 MITTED TO ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTERS.—In
13 transmitting balloting materials to absent uniformed serv-
14 ices voters, the appropriate State election official shall—

15 “(1) ensure that any tray or sack containing
16 such materials is tagged with Tag 191 or some other
17 similar tagging device used by the United States
18 Postal Service to provide greater visibility to con-
19 tainers of such materials; and

20 “(2) use IMb Tracing or other similar tracking
21 methods made available by the United States Postal
22 Service to provide real-time tracking information for
23 such materials.”.

24 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
25 by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to elec-

1 tions occurring after the date of the enactment of
2 this Act.

3 (b) REPORT ON EFFORTS TO DETER AND PREVENT
4 LOSS AND THEFT OF BALLOTING MATERIALS.—

5 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Postmaster
7 General shall submit a report to Congress detailing
8 the efforts that the Postmaster General has under-
9 taken to deter and prevent the loss and theft of bal-
10 loting materials transmitted to or by absent uni-
11 formed services voters in elections for Federal office.

12 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In paragraph (1), the terms
13 “absent uniformed services voter” and “balloting
14 materials” have the meaning given such terms in
15 section 107 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens
16 Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff–6).

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