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H. R. 1018

To clarify the application of certain Federal laws relating to elections in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2013

Mr. SABLAN (for himself, Mr. PIERLUISI, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. RANGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. CLARIFICATION OF APPLICATION OF FEDERAL**
2 **ELECTION LAWS TO CERTAIN JURISDIC-**
3 **TIONS.**

4 (a) **FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT OF 1971.—**
5 Section 301(12) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
6 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431(12)) is amended by striking “or a
7 territory or possession of the United States” and inserting
8 “American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern
9 Mariana Islands, Guam, or the United States Virgin Is-
10 lands”.

11 (b) **NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF**
12 **1993.—**Section 3(4) of the National Voter Registration
13 Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg–1) is amended by striking
14 “States and the District of Columbia” and inserting
15 “States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of
16 Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the
17 Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the United States
18 Virgin Islands”.

19 (c) **HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002.—**

20 (1) **COVERAGE OF COMMONWEALTH OF THE**
21 **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.—**Section 901 of the
22 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15541)
23 is amended by striking “and the United States Vir-
24 gin Islands” and inserting “the United States Virgin
25 Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern
26 Mariana Islands”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such Act is further amended as follows:

(A) The second sentence of section 213(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 15343(a)(2)) is amended by striking “and American Samoa” and inserting “American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands”.

(B) Section 252(c)(2) (42 U.S.C. 15402(c)(2)) is amended by striking “or the United States Virgin Islands” and inserting “the United States Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands”.

(d) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—

(1) INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS.—Section 594 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “Delegate from the District of Columbia, or Resident Commissioner,” and inserting “or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress”.

(2) INTERFERENCE BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Section 595 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “Delegate from the District of Columbia, or Resident Commissioner,” and inserting “or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress”.

1 (3) VOTING BY ALIENS.—Section 611(a) of title
2 18, United States Code, is amended by striking
3 “Delegate from the District of Columbia, or Resi-
4 dent Commissioner,” and inserting “or Delegate or
5 Resident Commissioner to the Congress”.

6 (e) VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965.—Section 11 of the
7 Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973i) is amended
8 by striking “Delegate from the District of Columbia,
9 Guam, or the Virgin Islands, or Resident Commissioner
10 of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico” each place it ap-
11 pears in subsections (c) and (e)(2) and inserting “or Dele-
12 gate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress”.

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