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H. R. 5144

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States which require individuals to present a photo identification as a condition of voting in elections for Federal office to accept a photo identification presented by a student which is issued by the school the student attends.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2014

Mr. CLEAVER (for himself, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. POCAN) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Equal Access to Sup-
5 port Youth Voting Act” or the “EASY Voting Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING STATES TO ACCEPT STUDENT IDENTI-**
2 **FICATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF MEETING**
3 **VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

4 (a) ACCEPTANCE OF STUDENT IDENTIFICATIONS.—
5 Title III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C.
6 15481 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 303
7 the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 303A. REQUIRING ACCEPTANCE OF STUDENT PHOTO**
9 **IDENTIFICATION AS CURRENT AND VALID**
10 **PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.**

11 “(a) ACCEPTANCE OF STUDENT IDENTIFICATIONS.—
12 A State or local election official shall accept a current and
13 valid student photo identification issued by an institution
14 of higher education to a student attending such institution
15 of higher education as a current and valid photo identifica-
16 tion for purposes of section 303(b)(2) or of any State or
17 local law which requires an individual to produce a current
18 and valid photo identification to obtain a ballot or vote
19 in an election for Federal office.

20 “(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘institu-
21 tion of higher education’ has the meaning given such term
22 in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
23 U.S.C. 1001), except that such term includes a propri-
24 etary institution of higher education described in section
25 102(b) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1002(b)).”.

1 (b) ENFORCEMENT.—Section 401 of such Act (42
2 U.S.C. 15511) is amended by striking “and 303” and in-
3 serting “303, and 303A”.

4 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
5 of such Act is amended by inserting after the item relating
6 to section 303 the following new item:

“Sec. 303A. Requiring acceptance of student photo identification as current
and valid photo identification.”.

7 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this section shall apply with respect to elections occurring
9 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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