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H. R. 1044

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ELLISON (for himself and Mr. BLUMENAUER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration.

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 “Same Day Registration
5 Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. SAME DAY REGISTRATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Help America
8 Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating sections 304 and 305 as
10 sections 305 and 306, respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after section 303 the following
2 new section:

3 **“SEC. 304. SAME DAY REGISTRATION.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

5 “(1) REGISTRATION.—Notwithstanding section
6 8(a)(1)(D) of the National Voter Registration Act of
7 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20507(a)(1)(D)), each State shall
8 permit any eligible individual on the day of a Fed-
9 eral election and on any day when voting, including
10 early voting, is permitted for a Federal election—

11 “(A) to register to vote in such election at
12 the polling place using a form that meets the
13 requirements under section 9(b) of the National
14 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (or, if the indi-
15 vidual is already registered to vote, to revise
16 any of the individual’s voter registration infor-
17 mation); and

18 “(B) to cast a vote in such election.

19 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The requirements under
20 paragraph (1) shall not apply to a State in which,
21 under a State law in effect continuously on and after
22 the date of the enactment of this section, there is no
23 voter registration requirement for individuals in the
24 State with respect to elections for Federal office.

1 “(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this
2 section, the term ‘eligible individual’ means, with respect
3 to any election for Federal office, an individual who is oth-
4 erwise qualified to vote in that election.

5 “(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Each State shall be re-
6 quired to comply with the requirements of subsection (a)
7 for the regularly scheduled general election for Federal of-
8 fice occurring in November 2018 and for any subsequent
9 election for Federal office.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-
11 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 21111)
12 is amended by striking “and 303” and inserting “303, and
13 304”.

14 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
15 of such Act is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
17 tions 304 and 305 as relating to sections 305 and
18 306, respectively; and

19 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
20 tion 303 the following new item:

“Sec. 304. Same day registration.”.

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