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H. R. 8925

To amend the Help America Vote of 2002 to require States to complete prior to the date of an election for Federal office the tabulation of ballots for the election which were cast or received prior to the date of the election, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 9, 2020

Mr. HALL 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 “John Lewis Prompt
5 and Accurate Reporting of Elections Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF TABULATION OF**
2 **BALLOTS CAST OR RECEIVED BEFORE DATE**
3 **OF ELECTION.**

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

6 (1) by redesignating sections 304 and 305 as
7 sections 305 and 306; and

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

10 **“SEC. 304. DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF TABULATION**
11 **OF BALLOTS CAST OR RECEIVED BEFORE**
12 **DATE OF ELECTION.**

13 “(a) DEADLINE DESCRIBED.—Each State shall en-
14 sure that all valid ballots in an election for Federal office
15 which are cast prior to the date of the election, or which
16 are received by mail by the appropriate election official
17 prior to the date of the election, are tabulated prior to
18 the date of the election.

19 “(b) NO REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICATION OF TAB-
20 ULATION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to
21 require a State to publish the results of the tabulation of
22 ballots under subsection (a) prior to the closing of the
23 polls on the date of the election.”.

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-
25 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 21111)

1 is amended by striking “and 303” and inserting “303, and
2 304”.

3 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
4 of such Act is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
6 tions 304 and 305 as relating to sections 305 and
7 306; and

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

“Sec. 304. Deadline for completion of tabulation of ballots cast or received be-
fore date of election.”.

10 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 this Act shall apply with respect to any election for Fed-
12 eral office held after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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