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H. R. 2694

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require each State to ensure that each individual who provides identifying information to the State motor vehicle authority is automatically registered to vote in elections for Federal office held in the State unless the individual does not meet the eligibility requirements for registering to vote in such elections or declines to be registered to vote in such elections, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 2015

Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Ms. HAHN, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. MENG, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. LEE, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BASS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. TONKO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. MOORE, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. COHEN, and Ms. BONAMICI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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individual does not meet the eligibility requirements for registering to vote in such elections or declines to be registered to vote in such elections, and for other purposes.

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 “Automatic Voter Reg-
 5 istration Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION THROUGH**
 7 **STATE MOTOR VEHICLE AUTHORITIES.**

8 (a) AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION.—Section 5
 9 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.
 10 20504) is amended to read as follows:

11 **“SEC. 5. AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION THROUGH**
 12 **MOTOR VEHICLE AUTHORITY.**

13 “(a) TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION TO ELECTION
 14 OFFICIALS.—

15 “(1) TRANSMISSION.—Each State’s motor vehi-
 16 cle authority, upon receiving the identifying informa-
 17 tion described in paragraph (2) with respect to any
 18 individual who requests services from the authority,
 19 shall transmit the identifying information to the ap-
 20 propriate State election official.

1 “(2) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION DESCRIBED.—

2 The identifying information described in this para-
3 graph with respect to any individual is as follows:

4 “(A) The individual’s legal name.

5 “(B) The individual’s age.

6 “(C) The individual’s residence.

7 “(D) The individual’s citizenship status.

8 “(E) The individual’s electronic signature.

9 “(3) RESTRICTION ON USE OF INFORMATION
10 ON CITIZENSHIP STATUS.—A State may not use any
11 identifying information regarding an individual’s
12 citizenship status which is transmitted under this
13 subsection for any purpose other than determining
14 whether the individual is eligible to vote in elections
15 for Federal office.

16 “(b) NOTIFICATION TO INDIVIDUALS.—Upon receiv-
17 ing the identifying information with respect to an indi-
18 vidual under subsection (a), the appropriate State election
19 official shall issue a notification to the individual con-
20 taining—

21 “(1) a statement that, unless the individual no-
22 tifies the election official prior to the expiration of
23 the 21-calendar day period which begins on the date
24 the official issued the notification that the individual
25 declines to be registered to vote in elections for Fed-

1 eral office held in the State, the individual shall be
2 considered to have completed and submitted a voter
3 registration application for purposes of this Act; and

4 “(2) a description of the process by which the
5 individual may decline to be registered to vote in
6 elections for Federal office in the State.

7 “(c) AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION OF ELIGIBLE INDI-
8 VIDUALS.—Upon the expiration of the 21-calendar day pe-
9 riod which begins on the date the appropriate State elec-
10 tion official issues a notification to an individual under
11 subsection (b)(1), the official shall ensure that the indi-
12 vidual is registered to vote in elections for Federal office
13 held in the State unless—

14 “(1) the official determines that the individual
15 does not meet the eligibility requirements for reg-
16 istering to vote in such elections;

17 “(2) prior to the expiration of such 21-calendar
18 day period, the individual notifies the official that
19 the individual declines to be registered to vote in
20 such elections; or

21 “(3) the individual is already registered to vote
22 in such elections.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO TIM-
24 ING OF REGISTRATION PRIOR TO ELECTIONS.—Section

1 8(a)(1)(A) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20507(a)(1)(A)) is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 “(A) in the case of registration through a
4 motor vehicle authority under section 5, if the
5 identifying information with respect to the indi-
6 vidual is transmitted by the authority to the ap-
7 propriate State election official under section
8 5(a)(1) not later than the lesser of 30 days, or
9 the period provided by State law, before the
10 date of the election;”.

11 (c) OTHER CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
12 4(a)(1) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20503(a)(1)) is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 “(1) through the State motor vehicle authority
15 pursuant to section 5;”.

16 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 this Act shall take effect upon the expiration of the 180-
19 day period which begins on the date of the enactment of
20 this Act.

21 (b) TIMING OF AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION OF INDI-
22 VIDUALS PROVIDING IDENTIFYING INFORMATION TO
23 MOTOR VEHICLE AUTHORITY PRIOR TO EFFECTIVE
24 DATE.—For purposes of section 5 of the National Voter
25 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20504), as amended

1 by section 2(a), if an individual provided identifying infor-
2 mation (as described in section 5(a)(2) of such Act) to
3 a State motor vehicle authority prior to the effective date
4 described in subsection (a), the authority shall transmit
5 such information to the appropriate State election official
6 pursuant to section 5(a)(1) of such Act not later than such
7 effective date, unless the motor vehicle authority deter-
8 mines that the information is no longer valid with respect
9 to the individual.

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