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H. R. 4523

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to establish certain requirements with respect to use of drop boxes for a District of Columbia election, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN 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 “American Confidence
5 in Elections: District of Columbia Ballot Security Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF DROP BOXES WITH**
2 **RESPECT TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELEC-**
3 **TIONS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—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, respectively; and

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

10 **“SEC. 304. REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO USE OF**
11 **DROP BOXES FOR A DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**
12 **ELECTION.**

13 “(a) REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to a District of
14 Columbia election, the District of Columbia may not use
15 a drop box to accept a voted absentee or other mail-in
16 ballot for any such election unless—

17 “(1) any such drop box is located inside a Dis-
18 trict of Columbia government building or facility;

19 “(2) the District of Columbia provides for the
20 security of any such drop box through 24-hour re-
21 mote or electronic surveillance; and

22 “(3) the District of Columbia Board of Elec-
23 tions collects any ballot deposited in any such drop
24 box each day after 5:00 p.m. (local time) during the
25 period of the election.

1 “(b) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTION DEFINED.—
 2 In this section, the term ‘District of Columbia election’
 3 means any election for public office in the District of Co-
 4 lumbia, including an election for Federal office, and any
 5 ballot initiative or referendum.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-
 7 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of the Help America Vote Act
 8 of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21111) is amended by striking “and
 9 303” and inserting “303, and 304”.

10 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 11 of such Act is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
 13 tions 304 and 305 as relating to sections 305 and
 14 306, respectively; and

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

“Sec. 304. Requirements with respect to use of drop boxes for a District of Co-
 lumbia election.”.

