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H. R. 3201

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to prohibit a State from removing the name of any registrant from the official list of voters eligible to vote in elections for Federal office in the State unless the State verifies, on the basis of objective and reliable evidence, that the registrant is ineligible to vote in such elections.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2019

Mrs. BEATTY (for herself, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. RUSH) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Automatically
3 Voiding Eligible Voters Off Their Enlisted Rolls in States
4 Act” or the “Save Voters Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. CONDITIONS FOR REMOVAL OF VOTERS FROM LIST**
6 **OF REGISTERED VOTERS.**

7 (a) CONDITIONS DESCRIBED.—The National Voter
8 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.) is
9 amended by inserting after section 8 the following new
10 section:

11 **“SEC. 8A. CONDITIONS FOR REMOVAL OF VOTERS FROM**
12 **OFFICIAL LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS.**

13 “(a) VERIFICATION ON BASIS OF OBJECTIVE AND
14 RELIABLE EVIDENCE OF INELIGIBILITY.—

15 “(1) REQUIRING VERIFICATION.—Notwith-
16 standing any other provision of this Act, a State
17 may not remove the name of any registrant from the
18 official list of voters eligible to vote in elections for
19 Federal office in the State unless the State verifies,
20 on the basis of objective and reliable evidence, that
21 the registrant is ineligible to vote in such elections.

22 “(2) FACTORS NOT CONSIDERED AS OBJECTIVE
23 AND RELIABLE EVIDENCE OF INELIGIBILITY.—For
24 purposes of paragraph (1), the following factors, or
25 any combination thereof, shall not be treated as ob-

1 jective and reliable evidence of a registrant’s ineligi-
2 bility to vote:

3 “(A) The failure of the registrant to vote
4 in any election.

5 “(B) The failure of the registrant to re-
6 spond to any notice sent under section 8(d), un-
7 less the notice has been returned as undeliver-
8 able.

9 “(C) The failure of the registrant to take
10 any other action with respect to voting in any
11 election or with respect to the registrant’s sta-
12 tus as a registrant.

13 “(b) NOTICE AFTER REMOVAL.—

14 “(1) NOTICE TO INDIVIDUAL REMOVED.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 48
16 hours after a State removes the name of a reg-
17 istrant from the official list of eligible voters for
18 any reason, the State shall send notice of the
19 removal to the former registrant, and shall in-
20 clude in the notice the grounds for the removal
21 and information on how the former registrant
22 may contest the removal or be reinstated, in-
23 cluding a telephone number for the appropriate
24 election official.

1 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A)
2 does not apply in the case of a registrant—

3 “(i) who sends written confirmation to
4 the State that the registrant is no longer
5 eligible to vote in the registrar’s jurisdic-
6 tion in which the registrant was registered;
7 or

8 “(ii) who is removed from the official
9 list of eligible voters by reason of the death
10 of the registrant.

11 “(2) PUBLIC NOTICE.—Not later than 48 hours
12 after conducting any general program to remove the
13 names of ineligible voters from the official list of eli-
14 gible voters (as described in section 8(a)(4)), the
15 State shall disseminate a public notice through such
16 methods as may be reasonable to reach the general
17 public (including by publishing the notice in a news-
18 paper of wide circulation or posting the notice on the
19 websites of the appropriate election officials) that
20 list maintenance is taking place and that registrants
21 should check their registration status to ensure no
22 errors or mistakes have been made. The State shall
23 ensure that the public notice disseminated under this
24 paragraph is in a format that is reasonably conven-

1 ient and accessible to voters with disabilities, includ-
2 ing voters who have low vision or are blind.”.

3 (b) CONDITIONS FOR TRANSMISSION OF NOTICES OF
4 REMOVAL.—Section 8(d) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
5 20507(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following
6 new paragraph:

7 “(4) A State may not transmit a notice to a
8 registrant under this subsection unless the State ob-
9 tains objective and reliable evidence (in accordance
10 with the standards for such evidence which are de-
11 scribed in section 8A(a)(2)) that the registrant has
12 changed residence to a place outside the registrar’s
13 jurisdiction in which the registrant is registered.”.

14 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

15 (1) NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF
16 1993.—Section 8(a) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
17 20507(a)) is amended—

18 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “pro-
19 vide” and inserting “subject to section 8A, pro-
20 vide”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “con-
22 duct” and inserting “subject to section 8A, con-
23 duct”.

24 (2) HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002.—Section
25 303(a)(4)(A) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002

1 (52 U.S.C. 21083(a)(4)(A)) is amended by striking
2 “, registrants” and inserting “, and subject to sec-
3 tion 8A of such Act, registrants”.

4 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
6 of this Act.

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