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To require States to obtain information from Social Security Administration on deaths for purposes of voter registration list maintenance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BABIN (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. PERRY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. POSEY, Mr. KELLER, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. TIFFANY, and Mr. ALLEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “You Must Be Alive
5 To Vote Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING STATES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION**
2 **FROM SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**
3 **ON DEATHS FOR PURPOSES OF VOTER REG-**
4 **ISTRATION LIST MAINTENANCE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(a)(4)(A) of the Na-
6 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.
7 20507(a)(4)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(A) the death of the registrant, as deter-
9 mined on the basis of information obtained
10 through records of the State and of information
11 obtained through ongoing consultation with the
12 Social Security Administration; or”.

13 (b) AUTHORITY TO MATCH DATA.—Section 205(r)
14 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(r)) is amended
15 by adding at the end the following:

16 “(10) The Commissioner of Social Security shall,
17 upon the request of a State pursuant to section 8(a)(4)(A)
18 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993—

19 “(A) enter into an agreement with the State for
20 the purpose of matching data in the records of the
21 Social Security Administration and the official list of
22 eligible voters of the State; and

23 “(B) include in such agreement safeguards to
24 assure the maintenance of the confidentiality of any
25 information disclosed.”.

26 (c) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION; ENFORCEMENT.—

1 (1) CERTIFICATION.—Each State shall certify,
2 with respect to each calendar year, to the Secretary
3 of Education and the Secretary of Transportation
4 that the State has in place an agreement with the
5 Social Security Administration to share death infor-
6 mation for purposes of section 8(a)(4)(A) of the Na-
7 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993.

8 (2) PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—With
9 respect to any calendar year in which a State has
10 failed to so certify, the Secretaries of Education and
11 Transportation may not make available any Federal
12 funds to the State, any county within the State, or
13 any resident of the State.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

15 (1) the term “State” means a State of the
16 United States and the District of Columbia; and

17 (2) the term “county” means a parish in Lou-
18 isiana, a borough in Alaska, or a county in the other
19 48 States.

20 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 this section shall take effect 1 year after the date of enact-
22 ment of this Act.

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