

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8218

To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to require any individual who votes in a municipal election of the District of Columbia to be a United States citizen and to provide proof of citizenship.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2024

Mr. TIMMONS (for himself, Mr. PFLUGER, Ms. HAGEMAN, and Mr. FRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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 “Demanding Citizenship
5 in DC Elections Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED TO VOTE IN DIS-**
 2 **TRICT OF COLUMBIA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the District of Colum-
 4 bia Home Rule Act (1–201.01 et seq., D.C. Official Code)
 5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“PART G—VOTING REQUIREMENTS**
 7 **“SEC. 497. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED TO VOTE IN**
 8 **LOCAL ELECTIONS.**

9 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘local
 10 election’ means—

11 “(1) an election for—

12 “(A) Mayor;

13 “(B) Chairman or member of the Council;

14 “(C) Attorney General;

15 “(D) Member of the State Board of Edu-
 16 cation; or

17 “(E) Advisory Neighborhood Commis-
 18 sioner; or

19 “(2) an initiative, referendum, recall, or charter
 20 amendment measure on a District ballot.

21 “(b) PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED.—An indi-
 22 vidual may not vote in a local election unless the indi-
 23 vidual—

24 “(1) is a citizen of the United States; and

25 “(2) demonstrates proof of such citizenship to
 26 the Board of Elections.”.

1 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of con-
3 tents for the District of Columbia Home Rule Act is
4 amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-
5 tion 496 the following:

“PART G—VOTING REQUIREMENTS

“Sec. 497. Proof of citizenship required to vote in local elections.”.

6 (2) CONFORMING REPEAL.—The Local Resi-
7 dent Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C.
8 Law 24–242) is repealed, and each provision of law
9 amended by that Act is amended to read as it read
10 on the day before the effective date of that Act.

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