

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 968

To amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit remote voting and voting by voice and to require a recorded vote on any question put before the House, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2022

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia (for herself, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Mr. BIGGS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Congressional

4 Voting Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO VOTING AND**
2 **GENERAL DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF REP-**
3 **RESENTATIVES.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION AGAINST PROXY VOTING.—Section
5 3(s) of House Resolution 8 (relating to remote voting by
6 proxy and remote committee activity) is repealed.

7 (b) RECORDED VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR ANY QUES-
8 TION BEFORE THE HOUSE.—Rule XXIX of the Rules of
9 the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the
10 end the following:

11 “5. Notwithstanding any other rule of the Rules of
12 the House, a recorded vote conducted pursuant to the vot-
13 ing procedures under rule XX shall be considered as or-
14 dered on any question put before the House. The Speaker
15 may not entertain a request for the suspension of this rule
16 by unanimous consent or otherwise.”.

17 (c) QUESTIONS PUT BY SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Clause 6 of rule I of the
19 Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 “6. The Speaker shall put a question in the form of
22 a vote by the yeas and nays pursuant to the voting proce-
23 dures described under rule XX.”.

24 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Clause 1(a) of
25 rule XX of the Rules of the House of Representa-
26 tives is amended by striking “by voice”.

1 (d) PROHIBITING MEMBERS FROM VOTING
 2 “PRESENT” ON QUESTIONS ON WHICH RECORD VOTE IS
 3 TAKEN.—Rule XX of the Rules of the House of Rep-
 4 resentatives is amended by adding at the end the following
 5 new clause:

6 **“Requiring voting in affirmative or negative**

7 “12. On any question on which a record vote is taken
 8 in the House, including the Committee of the Whole
 9 House on the state of the Union, or in any committee of
 10 the House, a Member may vote only in the affirmative or
 11 the negative and may not vote ‘present’ except during a
 12 quorum call.”.

13 (e) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO VOTING IN
 14 THE HOUSE.—

15 (1) VOTE BY THE YEAS AND NAYS RE-
 16 QUIRED.—Clause 10 of rule XX of the Rules of the
 17 House of Representatives is amended to read as fol-
 18 lows:

19 “10. A recorded vote shall be considered as ordered
 20 whenever the Speaker puts the question on passage of a
 21 bill or joint resolution, on adoption of an amendment
 22 thereto, making general appropriations, on final adoption
 23 of a concurrent resolution on the budget, or on adoption
 24 of a conference report or Senate amendment. The Speaker

1 may not entertain a request for the suspension of this
 2 clause by unanimous consent or otherwise.”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Clause 1(b) of
 4 rule XX of the Rules of the House of Representa-
 5 tives is amended by striking “If a Member, Dele-
 6 gate, or Resident Commissioner requests a recorded
 7 vote, and that request is supported by at least one-
 8 fifth of a quorum, the vote” and inserting “A re-
 9 corded vote under this rule”.

10 (f) QUORUM AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS IN THE
 11 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON THE STATE OF
 12 THE UNION.—

13 (1) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO
 14 QUORUM.—Clause 6(b)(1) of rule XVIII is amended
 15 by striking “may refuse” and inserting “may not
 16 refuse”.

17 (2) RECORDED VOTE REQUIRED.—Clause 6(e)
 18 of rule XVIII is amended to read as follows:

19 “(e) In the Committee of the Whole House on the
 20 state of the Union, a recorded vote shall be considered
 21 as ordered whenever the Chair puts the question on pas-
 22 sage of a bill or joint resolution, on adoption of an amend-
 23 ment thereto, making general appropriations, on final
 24 adoption of a concurrent resolution on the budget, or on
 25 adoption of a conference report or Senate amendment. A

1 recorded vote taken in the Committee of the Whole House
2 on the state of the Union under this paragraph shall be
3 considered a vote by the yeas and nays.”.

