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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUDD (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. JACKSON, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. MOONEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Reform, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Free and
3 Fair Elections Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING PROMOTION OF VOTER REGISTRA-**
5 **TION BY AGENCIES.**

6 (a) AGREEMENTS WITH NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGA-
7 NIZATIONS.—None of the funds made available for the sal-
8 aries and expenses of an agency may be used to solicit
9 or enter into an agreement with a nongovernmental orga-
10 nization to conduct voter registration or voter mobilization
11 activities on the property or website of the agency.

12 (b) ACTIVITIES UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 14019.—

13 (1) DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION.—

14 (A) DELAY.—Except as provided in sub-
15 paragraph (B), none of the funds made avail-
16 able for the salaries and expenses of an agency
17 may be used to implement activities directed
18 under Executive Order 14019 (86 Federal Reg-
19 ister 13623) until—

20 (i) in the case of an agency which is
21 required to submit a report to Congress
22 under paragraph (2)(A), 180 days after
23 the agency submits the report; or

24 (ii) in the case of an agency which is
25 required to submit a report to Congress

1 under paragraph (2)(B), the date on which
2 the agency submits the report.

3 (B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A) does
4 not apply to activities described in section 7(c)
5 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993
6 (52 U.S.C. 20506(c)).

7 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the head of an
9 agency shall submit to Congress—

10 (A) a copy of the strategic plan for pro-
11 moting voter registration and voter participa-
12 tion under section 3(b) of Executive Order
13 14019 (86 Federal Register 13623) which the
14 agency developed or submitted to the Assistant
15 to the President for Domestic Policy; or

16 (B) if the agency did not develop or submit
17 such a plan to the Assistant to the President
18 for Domestic Policy, a certification signed by
19 the head of the agency that the agency did not
20 develop or submit such a plan.

21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-
22 section (b)(2), this section shall apply with respect to fiscal
23 year 2023 and each succeeding fiscal year.

1 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL REPORT ON VOTER REGISTRATION**
2 **AND MOBILIZATION.**

3 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, the head of an agency shall submit to
5 Congress a report describing the activities carried out by
6 the agency pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of Executive
7 Order 14019 (86 Federal Register 13623).

8 **SEC. 4. AGENCY DEFINED.**

9 In this Act, the term “agency” has the meaning given
10 such term in section 3502(1) of title 44, United States
11 Code, except that for purposes of section 2(b) such term
12 does not include an independent regulatory agency as de-
13 fined in section 3502(5) of such title.

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