117TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 6446

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the Election Assistance Commission from making payments under such Act to States and jurisdictions which fail to meet certain standards to protect the integrity and certainty of elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 20, 2022

Mr. Good of Virginia (for himself, Mr. Perry, Mr. Rosendale, Mrs. Miller of Illinois, Mr. Moore of Alabama, Mr. Weber of Texas, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brooks, and Mr. Buck) 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,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "One Citizen One Vote
- 5 Act".

| 1 | SEC. 2. PROHIBITING PAYMENTS TO STATES FAILING TO |
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| 2 | MEET ELECTION INTEGRITY AND CERTAINTY |
| 3 | STANDARDS. |
| 4 | (a) Prohibition.—Title IX of the Help America |
| 5 | Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21141 et seq.) is amended |
| 6 | by adding at the end the following new section: |
| 7 | "SEC. 907. PROHIBITING PAYMENTS TO STATES AND JURIS- |
| 8 | DICTIONS FAILING TO MEET ELECTION IN- |
| 9 | TEGRITY AND CERTAINTY STANDARDS. |
| 10 | "The Commission may not make any payment under |
| 11 | this Act to any State or jurisdiction unless the State or |
| 12 | jurisdiction certifies to the Commission each of the fol- |
| 13 | lowing: |
| 14 | "(1) The State or jurisdiction does not permit |
| 15 | an individual to cast a ballot in an election for Fed- |
| 16 | eral office unless— |
| 17 | "(A) in the case of an individual who de- |
| 18 | sires to cast a ballot in person, the individual |
| 19 | presents to the appropriate election official a |
| 20 | current and valid photo identification of the in- |
| 21 | dividual; or |
| 22 | "(B) in the case of an individual who de- |
| 23 | sires to cast a ballot by mail, the individual in- |
| 24 | cludes with the ballot a copy of a current and |
| 25 | valid photo identification of the individual. |

| 1 | "(2) The State or jurisdiction does not accept |
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| 2 | a voted absentee ballot in an election for Federal of- |
| 3 | fice which is delivered in person to an election offi- |
| 4 | cial by any individual other than the voter to whom |
| 5 | the ballot was transmitted, other than an individual |
| 6 | described as follows: |
| 7 | "(A) An election official while engaged in |
| 8 | official duties as authorized by law. |
| 9 | "(B) An employee of the United States |
| 10 | Postal Service while engaged in official duties |
| 11 | as authorized by law. |
| 12 | "(C) Any other individual who is allowed |
| 13 | by law to collect and transmit United States |
| 14 | mail, while engaged in official duties as author- |
| 15 | ized by law. |
| 16 | "(3) The State or jurisdiction does not provide |
| 17 | any drop box into which an individual may deliver |
| 18 | a voted ballot, other than a drop box which is lo- |
| 19 | cated at the office of a State or local election offi- |
| 20 | cial. |
| 21 | "(4) The State or jurisdiction does not deliver |
| 22 | an absentee or other mail-in ballot to any individual |
| 23 | who does not request the delivery of such a ballot. |
| 24 | "(5) The State or jurisdiction does not permit |
| 25 | any individual who is not a citizen of the United |

- 1 States to register to vote or vote in any election for
- 2 public office, or any ballot initiative or referendum,
- 3 held in the State or jurisdiction.".
- 4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
- 5 of such Act is amended by adding at the end of the items
- 6 relating to title IX the following:

"Sec. 907. Prohibiting payments to States and jurisdictions failing to meet election integrity and certainty standards.".

- 7 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 8 this section shall apply with respect to payments made on
- 9 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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