

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1278

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to establish minimum notification requirements for voters affected by polling place changes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2021

Mr. ALLRED (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SEWELL, and Mr. FOSTER) 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 “Know Your Polling
5 Place Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VOT-**
2 **ERS AFFECTED BY POLLING PLACE**
3 **CHANGES.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 302 of the Help Amer-
5 ica Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21082) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
7 section (e); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(d) MINIMUM NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
11 VOTERS AFFECTED BY POLLING PLACE CHANGES.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a State assigns an indi-
13 vidual who is a registered voter in a State to a poll-
14 ing place with respect to an election for Federal of-
15 fice which is not the same polling place to which the
16 individual was previously assigned with respect to
17 the most recent election for Federal office in the
18 State in which the individual was eligible to vote—

19 “(A) the State shall notify the individual of
20 the location of the polling place not later than
21 7 days before the date of the election; or

22 “(B) if the State makes such an assign-
23 ment fewer than 7 days before the date of the
24 election and the individual appears on the date
25 of the election at the polling place to which the
26 individual was previously assigned, the State

1 shall make every reasonable effort to enable the
2 individual to vote on the date of the election.

3 “(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall
4 apply with respect to elections held on or after Janu-
5 ary 1, 2022.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 302(e) of
7 such Act (52 U.S.C. 21082(f)), as redesignated by sub-
8 section (a), is amended by striking “Each State” and in-
9 serting “Except as provided in subsection (d)(2), each
10 State”.

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