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H. R. 1662

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require the Postmaster General to provide State election officials with change of address information before a general election for Federal office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW (for himself and Mr. WEBER of Texas) 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 “Updating Postal Data
5 on Addresses for Trustworthy Elections Act” or the “UP-
6 DATE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHANGE OF ADDRESS INFORMATION PROVIDED TO**
2 **STATE ELECTION OFFICIALS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9 of the National Voter
4 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20508) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(c) UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE CHANGE OF
7 ADDRESS INFORMATION.—Not later than 90 days after
8 the date of enactment of this subsection, and every 90
9 days thereafter, the Postmaster General of the United
10 States Postal Service shall provide to the chief State elec-
11 tion official of each State the change of address records
12 available in the National Change of Address product main-
13 tained by the United States Postal Service.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
15 this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of
16 this Act.

17 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
18 authorized to be appropriated to the Postmaster General
19 of the United States Postal Service \$600,000 to carry out
20 the amendment made by this section.

21 **SEC. 3. PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF**
22 **VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Election Assistance Commis-
24 sion shall make a payment to each eligible State for car-
25 rying out maintenance of each such State’s computerized
26 voter registration list under section 303 of the Help Amer-

1 ica Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21083) and for carrying
2 out programs under section 8 of the National Voter Reg-
3 istration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20507) to ensure the
4 accuracy of voter registration lists in the State.

5 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—A State is eligible to receive a pay-
6 ment under this section if the State submits to the Com-
7 mission an application at such time, in such form, and
8 containing such information and assurances as the Com-
9 mission may require.

10 (c) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
12 the amount of a payment made to a State under this
13 section shall be equal to the product of—

14 (A) the total amount appropriated for such
15 payments pursuant to the authorization under
16 subsection (f); and

17 (B) the State allocation percentage for the
18 State.

19 (2) MINIMUM AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—The
20 amount of a payment made to a State under this
21 section may not be less than—

22 (A) in the case of any of the several States
23 or the District of Columbia, one-half of 1 per-
24 cent of the total amount appropriated for such
25 payments; or

1 (B) in the case of the Commonwealth of
2 Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the
3 United States Virgin Islands, and the Common-
4 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, one-
5 tenth of 1 percent of such total amount.

6 (3) PRO RATA REDUCTIONS.—The Commission
7 shall make such pro rata reductions to the alloca-
8 tions determined under paragraph (1) as are nec-
9 essary to comply with the requirements of paragraph
10 (2).

11 (d) CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AFTER
12 APPROPRIATION.—A payment made to a State under this
13 section shall be available to the State without fiscal year
14 limitation.

15 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
17 the several States, the District of Columbia, the
18 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa,
19 Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the
20 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

21 (2) STATE ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE.—The
22 term “State allocation percentage” means, with re-
23 spect to a State, the amount (expressed as a per-
24 centage) equal to the quotient of—

1 (A) the voting age population of the State
2 (as reported in the most recent decennial cen-
3 sus); and

4 (B) the total voting age population of all
5 States (as reported in the most recent decennial
6 census).

7 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
8 authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 for payments
9 under this section.

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