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To require the chief election officials of the States to provide voter registration forms at certain naturalization proceedings, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. TITUS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. KHANNA) 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 “Citizenship Empower-
5 ment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(b) of the National Voter
8 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20505(b)) is amend-
9 ed by striking “programs.” and inserting “programs, and

1 shall distribute such forms to each person who becomes
2 a citizen of the United States at a naturalization ceremony
3 in that State, at the conclusion of the ceremony.”.

4 (b) FEDERAL COOPERATION.—Section 9 of the Na-
5 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20508)
6 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(c) SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR DEPARTMENT OF
9 HOMELAND SECURITY.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
11 Security shall implement such procedures as may be
12 necessary to enable the chief election officers of the
13 States to carry out the requirement under section
14 6(b) to provide mail voter registration forms at an
15 administrative naturalization ceremony, pursuant to
16 section 332(d) of the Immigration and Nationality
17 Act, or a judicial naturalization ceremony, pursuant
18 to section 310(b) of the Immigration and Nation-
19 ality Act.

20 “(2) PERMISSION TO PLACE EXHIBITS.—The
21 Secretary of Homeland Security shall implement
22 procedures to allow the chief election officer of a
23 State to provide information about voter registra-
24 tion, including through a display or exhibit, after the

1 conclusion of an administrative naturalization cere-
2 mony in that State.”.

3 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
5 respect to administrative and judicial naturalization cere-
6 monies conducted on or after the date that is 90 days after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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