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To institute a voter-registration requirement in federal elections and reform the Federal Election Congressional Committee.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. _____ (for himself) introduced the following bill; which
was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Rep-*
2 *resentatives of the United States of America in Con-*
3 *gress assembled,*

4 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This Act may be cited as the “National Voter
6 Registration Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

3 (1) the right of citizens of the United
4 States to vote is a fundamental right;

5 (2) it is the duty of the Federal Govern-
6 ment to promote the exercise of that right; and

7 (3) discriminatory and unfair registration
8 laws and procedures can have a direct and dam-
9 aging effect on voter participation in elections
10 for Federal office and disproportionately harm
11 voter participation.

12 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

13 (1) to establish procedures that will insti-
14 tute voter registration in the United States;

15 (2) to ensure that voter registration is ac-
16 cessible to all and fairly administered;

17 (3) to protect the integrity of the electoral
18 process; and

19 (4) to ensure that accurate and current
20 voter-registration rolls are maintained.

21 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

22 As used in this Act—

1 (1) the term “election” has the meaning
2 stated in section 301(1) of the Federal Election
3 Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. §30101(1)); and
4 (2) the term “Federal office” has the
5 meaning stated in section 301(3) of the Federal
6 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
7 §30101(3)).

8 **TITLE I—THE FEDERAL ELECTION CON-**
9 **GRESSIONAL COMMISSION**

10 **SEC. 1001. THE FEDERAL ELECTION CONGRES-**
11 **SIONAL COMMISSION.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established a com-
13 mission to be known as the Federal Election Congres-
14 sional Commission. The Commission is composed of
15 the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the
16 House of Representatives, *ex officio* and without the
17 right to vote, and 6 members appointed as follows—

18 (1) 2 shall be appointed, with the confirma-
19 tion of a majority of both Houses of the Con-
20 gress, by the President pro tempore of the Sen-
21 ate upon the recommendations of the majority
22 leader of the Senate and the minority leader of
23 the Senate;

1 (2) 2 shall be appointed, with the confirma-
2 tion of a majority of both Houses of the Con-
3 gress, by the Speaker of the House of Repre-
4 sentatives, upon the recommendations of the
5 majority leader of the House and the minority
6 leader of the House; and

7 (3) 2 shall be appointed, with the confirma-
8 tion of a majority of both Houses of the Con-
9 gress, by the President of the United States.

10 (B) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—A member ap-
11 pointed under subparagraph (1), (2), or (3) shall not be
12 affiliated with the same political party as the other
13 member appointed under such paragraph.

14 (C) TERMS.—Members of the Commission shall
15 serve for terms of three months.

16 (1) An individual appointed to fill a va-
17 cancy occurring other than by the expiration of
18 a term of office shall be appointed only for the
19 unexpired term of the member he succeeds.
20 Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the
21 Commission shall be filled in the same manner
22 as in the case of the original appointment.

1 (D) QUALIFICATIONS.—Members shall be cho-
2 sen on the basis of their maturity, experience, integ-
3 rity, impartiality, and good judgment and shall be cho-
4 sen from among individuals who, at the time of their
5 appointment, are not elected or appointed officers or
6 employees in the executive, legislative, or judicial
7 branch of the Government of the United States.

8 (E) CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.—The
9 Commission shall elect a chairman and a vice chair-
10 man from among its members (other than the Secre-
11 tary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives) for a term of three months. No member
13 may serve as chairman more than once during any
14 term of office to which he is appointed. The chairman
15 and vice chairman shall not be affiliated with the same
16 political party. The vice chairman shall act as chair-
17 man in the absence or disability of the chairman, or in
18 the event of a vacancy in such office.

19 (F) All decisions of the Commission with respect
20 to the exercise of its duties and powers under the pro-
21 visions of this title shall be made by a majority vote of
22 the members of the Commission. A member of the
23 Commission may by writing delegate to any person

1 his vote or any decisionmaking authority or duty
2 vested in the Commission by the provisions of this ti-
3 tle.

4 (1) The Commission shall meet at least
5 once every two weeks and also at the call of any
6 member.

7 (2) The Commission shall prepare written
8 rules for the conduct of its activities, shall have
9 an official seal which shall be judicially noted,
10 and shall conduct its principal duties on a Com-
11 mission trello board.

12 (3) In carrying out its responsibilities un-
13 der this Act, the Commission shall, to the fullest
14 extent practicable, avail itself of the assistance,
15 including personnel and facilities, of other agen-
16 cies and departments of the United States Gov-
17 ernment. The heads of such agencies and de-
18 partments may make available to the Commis-
19 sion such personnel, facilities, and other assis-
20 tance, with or without reimbursement, as the
21 Commission may request.

22 **SEC. 1002. THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.**

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission has the
2 power—

3 (1) to require, by special or general or-
4 ders, any person to submit in writing such re-
5 ports and answers to questions as the Commis-
6 sion may prescribe; and such submission shall
7 be made within such a reasonable period of time
8 and under oath or otherwise as the Commission
9 may determine;

10 (2) to administer oaths or affirmations;

11 (3) to require by subpoena, signed by the
12 chairman or the vice chairman, the attendance
13 and testimony of witnesses and the production
14 of all documentary evidence relating to the exe-
15 cution of its duties;

16 (4) in any proceeding or investigation, to
17 order testimony to be taken by deposition be-
18 fore any person who is designated by the Com-
19 mission and has the power to administer oaths
20 and, in such instances, to compel testimony and
21 the production of evidence in the same manner
22 as authorized under paragraph (3) of this sub-
23 section;

1 (5) to initiate (through civil proceedings
2 for injunctive, declaratory, or other appropriate
3 relief), defend, or appeal any civil action in the
4 name of the Commission for the purpose of en-
5 forcing the provisions of this Act;

6 (6) to render advisory opinions;

7 (7) to formulate general policy with re-
8 spect to the administration of this Act and other
9 election-related laws; and

10 (8) to conduct investigations and hearings
11 expeditiously, to encourage voluntary compli-
12 ance, and to report apparent violations to the ap-
13 propriate law-enforcement authorities.

14 (B) Any United States district court within the
15 jurisdiction of which any inquiry is carried on, may,
16 upon petition by the Commission, in case of refusal to
17 obey a subpoena or order of the Commission issued
18 under section (A) of this section, issue an order requir-
19 ing compliance therewith. Any failure to obey the or-
20 der of the court may be punished by the court as a con-
21 tempt thereof.

22 (C) No person shall be subject to civil liability to
23 any person (other than the Commission or the United

1 States) for disclosing information at the request of the
2 Commission.

3 **SEC. 1003. REPORTS.**

4 (A) The Commission shall transmit reports to
5 the President of the United States and to each House
6 of the Congress at the end of every third month, start-
7 ing with the month of January. Each such report shall
8 contain a detailed statement with respect to the activ-
9 ities of the Commission in carrying out its duties un-
10 der this Act, together with recommendations for such
11 legislative or other action as the Commission consid-
12 ers appropriate.

13 **SEC. 1004. ADVISORY OPINIONS.**

14 (A) Upon written request to the Commission by
15 any individual holding Federal office, any candidate
16 for Federal office, or any political committee, the
17 Commission shall render an advisory opinion, in writ-
18 ing, within a reasonable time with respect to whether
19 any specific transaction or activity by such individual,
20 candidate, or political committee would constitute a vi-
21 olation of this Act or any other election-related law.

22 **SEC. 1005. ENFORCEMENT.**

1 (A) Any person who believes a violation of this
2 Act or of another election-related law has occurred
3 may file a complaint with the Commission.

4 (B) The Commission, upon receiving any com-
5 plaint under this Act, shall notify the person(s) in-
6 volved and shall—

7 (1) report such apparent violation(s) to the
8 Attorney General; or

9 (2) make an investigation of such apparent
10 violation.

11 (C) The Commission shall, at the request of any
12 person involved in an investigation, conduct a hearing
13 with respect to such investigation.

14 (D) If the Commission determines, after inves-
15 tigation, that there is any reason to believe that any
16 person has engaged, or is about to engage in any acts
17 or practices which constitute or will constitute a viola-
18 tion of this Act or of another election-related law, it
19 may endeavor to correct such violation by informal
20 methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion.
21 If the Commission fails to correct the violation
22 through informal methods, it may institute a civil ac-
23 tion for relief, including a permanent or temporary

1 injunction, restraining order, or any other appropriate
2 order in the district court of the United States for the
3 district in which the person against whom such action
4 is brought is found, resides, or transacts business.
5 Upon a proper showing that such person has engaged
6 or is about to engage in such acts or practices, the
7 court shall grant a permanent or temporary injunc-
8 tion, restraining order, or other order.

9 (E) The Commission shall refer apparent viola-
10 tions to the appropriate law-enforcement authorities
11 to the extent that violations of provisions of the title
12 18, United States Code, are involved, or if the Com-
13 mission is unable to correct apparent violations of this
14 Act or other election-related laws under the authority
15 given it, or if the Commission determines that any
16 such referral is appropriate.

17 (F) Any party aggrieved by an order of the
18 Commission may, at any time within 20 days after the
19 date of entry thereof, file a petition for certiorari with
20 the United States Supreme Court for judicial review
21 of such order.

22 (1) Any action brought under this subsec-
23 tion shall be advanced on the docket of the court

1 in which it is filed, and put ahead of all other ac-
2 tions.

3 **TITLE II—REGISTERING TO VOTE**

4 **SEC. 2001. REGISTERING TO VOTE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be established
6 procedures to register to vote in elections for Federal
7 office—

8 (1) There shall be added to the current
9 election game a GUI-based button labelled,
10 “Register to Vote”.

11 (2) To register, any person in the United
12 States of America group, except for those in the
13 ranks “Immigration Office”, “Federal Pris-
14 oner”, and “Foreign Ambassador”, shall be able
15 to click the “Register to Vote” option.

16 (3) Once clicked, their ROBLOX username,
17 basic profile information, and such other infor-
18 mation that the Commission finds relevant, shall
19 be transmitted automatically to a trello board
20 for review and approval.

21 **SEC. 2002. REGISTRATION APPROVAL PROCESS.**

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) The Commission shall review each reg-
2 istration application and shall deny only such
3 applications that constitute submissions from
4 ranks barred under subsection (A)(2) of this sec-
5 tion, alternative-account submissions or for-
6 eign-national submissions.

7 (2) The Commission may prescribe such
8 regulations and procedures to determine a uni-
9 form process for discerning what constitutes an
10 alternative account for the purpose of register-
11 ing to vote.

12 (3) The Commission shall host a publically
13 viewable registry which shall contain the follow-
14 ing two subsections—

15 (a) approved registration applica-
16 tions; and

17 (b) denied registration applications

18 (4) The Commission shall notify, by auto-
19 mated ROBLOX private message, every account
20 that submits a registration application of his ap-
21 proval or denial.

22 (B) THE SIX-MONTH PROVISION.—The Com-
23 mission shall automatically expire approved

1 registration records six months from their issuance
2 and shall notify, by automated ROBLOX private mes-
3 sage, accounts when their registration records expire.

4 (C) The ability to register to vote shall be open
5 and accessible during all hours of day and night except
6 during the 24 hours preceding an election and for the
7 duration of an ongoing election for Federal or munic-
8 ipal office.

9 **SEC. 2003. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT.**

10 (A) In order to vote in an election for a Federal
11 or a municipal office, an American citizen must be reg-
12 istered to vote under the procedures established in
13 sections 2001–2002 of this title.

14 (B) Registration shall not be denied by the Com-
15 mission arbitrarily.

16 **SEC. 2004. DENIED-REGISTRATION APPEAL.**

17 (A) Any person denied registration may appeal
18 the Commission’s denial to the Supreme Court, which
19 shall be advanced on the docket of the Supreme Court,
20 and put ahead of all other actions under regulations
21 prescribed under section 2005(B) of this title.

22 (B) If a person who is denied registration is un-
23 able to complete their appeal before registration

1 closes under the circumstances laid forth in section
2 2002(C) of this title, they may continue their appeal,
3 and, if their appeal is then granted, be afforded the
4 opportunity to enter in their vote during the week af-
5 ter an election ballot closes but before the results are
6 released and entered into the record.

7 **SEC. 2005. COURT OF ELECTION REVIEW.**

8 (A) The Court of Election Review is hereby
9 abolished.

10 (B) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may
11 designate three sitting Supreme Court Justices to
12 handle registration appeals and may prescribe such
13 regulations he sees fit to ensure appeals are handled
14 in a speedy, accessible, and efficient process.

15 **TITLE III—THE ELECTION PROCESS.**

16 **SEC. 3001. THE ELECTION.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Election dates for Federal
18 and municipal office shall be determined by the Con-
19 gress, but, in the absence of such determinations, may
20 be determined and set by the Commission.

21 (1) All elections for Federal and municipal
22 office shall occur and conclude exactly two
23 weeks before the terms for such offices begin.

1 (2) After an election ballot is closed, the
2 Commission shall have one week to tally the
3 votes entered and release them to the public rec-
4 ord.

5 (3) During the two-week window before a
6 term for an elected Federal or municipal office
7 begins, individuals who were denied their regis-
8 tration shall be able to appeal such denials un-
9 der the provisions of section 2004(B) of the title
10 II of this Act.

11 **TITLE IV—CONFLICTING LEGISLATION;**
12 **SEVERABILITY**

13 **SEC. 4001. CONFLICTING LEGISLATION.**

14 Any and all provisions of standing laws in con-
15 flict with any provisions of this Act, upon its passage,
16 shall be null and void.

17 **SEC. 4002. SEVERABILITY.**

18 If any provision of this Act, an amendment made
19 by this Act, or the application of such provision or
20 amendment to any person or circumstance is held to
21 be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, the
22 amendments made by this Act, and the application of

- 1 such provision or amendment to any person or circum-
- 2 stance shall not be affected thereby.