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# H.R.6

Reforming the maximum length of time that acting officers can serve.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 19, 2021

Mr. Ross of Arizona(for himself), Mr. Noah of Arkansas, Mr. Francis of California, Mr. Goodman, Mr. James of Florida, Mr. Miller, Mr. Wolf of Georgia, and Mr. Reyes of South Carolina, introduced the following bill (on behalf of Mr. Mark and Mr. Graves)

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## AN ACT

Reforming the maximum length of time that acting officers can serve.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America  
in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the Federal Vacancy Reform Act of 2021 of April 2021 ”

### SEC. 2. AMENDING THE MAXIMUM TENURE OF ACTING SECRETARIES

- (a) IN GENERAL — 5 U.S. Code § 3346 is amended as follows
  - (i) All instances of ”210” shall be stricken and replaced with “12”
  - (ii) All instances of “Senate” are to be replaced with “House of Representatives”.
- (b) EXCEPTIONS — Any Current Acting Officers shall be exempt from this section for a period of 10 days following the passage of this Act.

### **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS**

- (a) IN GENERAL.— 5 U.S.C. § 3347-3349d shall be amended as follows
  - (i) All instances of “Senate” shall be stricken and replaced with “House of Representatives”.
  - (ii) All instances of “210 days” in these same sections shall be replaced with “12 days”.
- (b) VACANCIES DURING TRANSITION — 5 U.S. Code § 3349a shall be amended as follows
  - (i) In Section(b)(1)
    - (1) “90” shall be stricken and replaced with “10”
  - (ii) In Section(b)(2)
    - (1) “90” shall be stricken and replaced with “10”

### **SEC. 4. ENACTMENT.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE.**— The provisions of this Act shall come into force immediately upon passage.

*Drafted by David S. Mark (L-CA) for Congress' use.  
Credit to Senator Graves (D) for inspiration from S.5*