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118TH CONGRESS H. R.
To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters is elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vot and for other purposes.
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Ms. Williams of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on
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.
This Act may be cited as the "People Over Lon
5 Lines Act" or the "POLL Act".
6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

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Congress makes the following findings:

1	(1) The right to vote for all Americans is fun-
2	damental and rules for voting and election adminis-
3	tration should protect the right to vote and promote
4	voter participation.
5	(2) It is the responsibility of the State and Fed-
6	eral governments to ensure that every eligible citizen
7	is able to register to vote and to cast a ballot.
8	(3) There continues to be an alarming move-
9	ment to erect barriers to make it more difficult for
10	Americans to participate in our Nation's democratic
11	process. The Nation has witnessed unprecedented ef-
12	forts to turn back the clock and erect barriers to
13	voting for communities of color, which have faced
14	historic and continuing discrimination, as well as
15	disabled, young, elderly, and low-income Americans.
16	(4) One way voting in communities of color has
17	been suppressed is through long waits at polling lo-
18	cations. Studies have shown a number of contrib-
19	uting factors, including the drastic reduction of early
20	voting days, poor allocation of resources to certain
21	communities, cuts to election funding, and a reduc-
22	tion of polling locations.
23	(5) A 2019 study led by economist Keith Chen
24	of the University of California, Los Angeles,
25	matched anonymous location data from 10,000,000

1	smart phones to 93,000 polling places to create the
2	most extensive map to date of voter wait times
3	across the United States. The results showed one
4	very clear disparity: voters in predominantly Black
5	neighborhoods waited 29 percent longer, on average,
6	than those in White neighborhoods. They were also
7	about 74 percent more likely to wait for more than
8	half an hour.
9	(6) Waiting in long lines discourages people
10	from voting, undermines confidence in the electoral
11	system, and imposes economic costs on voters.
12	(7) Long lines are estimated to have deterred
13	between 500,000 and 700,000 people from casting
14	their ballot in 2012.
15	(8) These problems led to the creation of the bi-
16	partisan Presidential Commission on Election Ad-
17	ministration, which issued a 2014 report that set
18	forth a standard: "No citizen should have to wait
19	more than 30 minutes to vote.".
20	(9) Despite the work of the Presidential Com-
21	mission on Election Administration, long lines con-
22	tinue, particularly in communities of color where ra-
23	cial discrimination in voting is a clear and persistent
24	problem.

1	(10) In the Arizona 2016 Presidential primary,
2	in one Maricopa County polling place for mostly
3	Latino voters, some waited for 4 hours or more in
4	the 80-degree heat to cast their ballots. For the
5	2016 general election, 3 people collapsed while wait-
6	ing to vote in an hours-long line in Georgia, and a
7	line to vote in Ohio was a half-mile long.
8	(11) According to a nationwide study, in 2016,
9	roughly 3 percent of people standing in line at vot-
10	ing locations left before they could vote as a result
11	of long lines.
12	(12) The disenfranchisement that long lines
13	create for voters is not limited to that one election.
14	Research suggests that for each hour would-be vot-
15	ers wait, their probability of voting in the next elec-
16	tion drops by 1 percentage point.
17	(13) Congress has the authority under article I,
18	section 4 of the Constitution of the United States to
19	enact laws governing the time, place, and manner of
20	Federal elections.
21	(14) Congress also has authority under section
22	2 of the 15th Amendment to enforce the right of
23	citizens of the United States to vote, which shall not
24	be denied or abridged by the United States, by legis-
25	lation.

1	SEC. 3. PREVENTING UNREASONABLE VOTER WAITING
2	TIMES.
3	(a) STATE PLANS REQUIRED.—Title III of the Help
4	America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20901 et seq.) is
5	amended—
6	(1) by redesignating sections 304 and 305 as
7	sections 305 and 306; and
8	(2) by inserting after section 303 the following
9	new section:
10	"SEC. 304. UNREASONABLE VOTER WAITING TIMES.
11	"(a) State Plans.—
12	"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days be-
13	fore each election for Federal office, each State shall
14	make public (including through the website of the
15	State on which election information is normally pub-
16	lished) and submit to the Commission a written plan
17	which meets the public notice and comment require-
18	ments of paragraph (2) and describes the measures
19	it is implementing to ensure, to the greatest extent
20	possible, an equitable waiting time for all voters in
21	the State, including for voters with disabilities, and
22	a waiting time of less than 30 minutes at any polling
23	place in the election.
24	"(2) Public Notice comment require-
25	MENT.—The public notice and comment require-
26	ments of this paragraph are met if—

1	"(A) not later than 30 days prior to the
2	submission of the plan to the Commission, the
3	State made a preliminary version of the plan
4	available for public inspection and comment;
5	"(B) the State publishes notice that the
6	preliminary version of the plan is so available;
7	and
8	"(C) the State took the public comments
9	made regarding the preliminary version of the
10	plan into account in preparing the plan which
11	was submitted to the Commission under para-
12	graph (1).
13	"(b) Prohibition on Unreasonable Voter Wait-
14	ING TIMES.—Each State shall ensure that no person vot-
15	ing in an election for Federal office shall wait for more
16	than 30 minutes at any polling place for purposes of cast-
17	ing a vote in such election.
18	"(c) Remedial Plans for States With Exces-
19	SIVE VOTER WAIT TIMES.—
20	"(1) REVIEW OF VOTER WAIT TIMES.—After
21	each election for Federal office, the Commission
22	shall review voter waiting times for each jurisdiction
23	for which voting in such election took place and
24	make publicly available a report on its findings.
25	"(2) State remedial plans.—

1	"(A) Remedial plans.—Notwithstanding
2	section 209, each jurisdiction for which the
3	Commission, after the review conducted under
4	paragraph (1), determines that a substantial
5	number of voters, including voters with disabil-
6	ities, waited more than 60 minutes to cast a
7	vote, or in which there were substantial viola-
8	tions of the standards established under section
9	299, shall comply with a State remedial plan
10	established by the Attorney General to provide
11	for the effective allocation of resources to ad-
12	minister elections for Federal office held in the
13	State and to reduce the waiting time of voters.
14	"(B) Coordination.—Each remedial plan
15	established by the Attorney General shall pro-
16	vide for coordination between the Commission,
17	the Attorney General, and the State involved to
18	monitor the compliance of the State with the
19	remedial plan during the period leading up to
20	the election and on the date of the election and
21	to respond to serious delays in the ability of
22	voters, including voters with disabilities, to cast
23	their ballots at polling places.
24	"(C) Termination.—A jurisdiction shall
25	not be required to comply with a State remedial

1	plan required under subparagraph (A) if the
2	Commission determines that the voter waiting
3	times were less than 60 minutes for 2 consecu-
4	tive regularly scheduled general elections for
5	Federal office.
6	"(3) Jurisdiction defined.—For purposes of
7	this subsection, the term 'jurisdiction' has the mean-
8	ing given the term 'registrar's jurisdiction' in section
9	8(j) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993
10	(42 U.S.C. 1973gg-6(j)).
11	"(4) STANDARDS.—Not later than 180 days
12	after the date of the enactment of this section, the
13	Attorney General shall establish standards for con-
14	ducting the review under paragraph (1) and for es-
15	tablishing remedial plans under paragraph (2)(A).
16	"(5) Role of office of civil rights and
17	COMMISSION.—The Attorney General shall carry out
18	this section acting through the Office of Civil Rights
19	of the Department of Justice and in consultation
20	with the Commission.
21	"(6) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to other
22	amounts authorized to be appropriated to the Com-
23	mission, there are authorized to be appropriated for
24	each of the fiscal years 2023 through 2032.

1	\$5,000,000 for each such year for the Commission
2	to carry out this subsection.
3	"(d) Emergency Ballots.—
4	"(1) In general.—In the event of a failure of
5	voting equipment or other circumstance at a polling
6	place that causes an unreasonable delay, any indi-
7	vidual who is waiting at the polling place to cast a
8	ballot in an election for Federal office at the time
9	of the failure shall be advised immediately of the in-
10	dividual's right to use an emergency paper ballot,
11	and upon request shall be provided with such an
12	emergency paper ballot for the election and the sup-
13	plies necessary to mark the ballot.
14	"(2) Ballot requirements.—Any emergency
15	paper ballot provided under paragraph (1) shall—
16	"(A) include the names of each candidate
17	for each Federal office for which voting occurs
18	at such polling place; and
19	"(B) be available in each language for
20	which other ballots provided at the polling place
21	are available.
22	"(3) Disposition of Ballot.—Any emergency
23	paper ballot which is cast by an individual under
24	this subsection shall be counted in the same manner
25	as a regular ballot, unless the individual casting the

1	ballot would have otherwise been required to cast a
2	provisional ballot in the absence of the delay, in
3	which case that ballot shall be treated in the same
4	manner as a provisional ballot.".
5	(b) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—Title IV of the
6	Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21111 et seq.)
7	is amended by adding at the end the following new section:
8	"SEC. 403. PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION FOR UNREASON-
9	ABLE VOTER WAITING TIME.
10	"(a) In General.—In the case of a violation of sec-
11	tion 304(b), section 402 shall not apply and any person
12	who is aggrieved by such violation may commence a civil
13	action in any appropriate district court of the United
14	States for relief.
15	"(b) Relief.—In any civil action commenced under
16	subsection (a):
17	"(1) In general.—If the court finds a viola-
18	tion of section 304(b), the court shall assess a civil
19	penalty equal to the sum of—
20	"(A) \$50; plus
21	"(B) an additional \$50 for each additional
22	hour the person waited at the polling place to
23	cast a vote; plus
24	"(C) reasonable attorney fees, including
25	litigation expenses, and costs.

1	"(2) Special rule.—If the court determines
2	that the violation was due to an intentional action
3	to suppress votes or was made with reckless dis-
4	regard of the requirements of section 304—
5	"(A) paragraph (1)(A) shall be applied by
6	substituting '\$650' for '\$50'; and
7	"(B) paragraph (1(B) shall be applied by
8	substituting '\$150' for '\$50'.''.
9	(c) Conforming Amendment.—Section 202 of such
10	Act (52 U.S.C. 20922) is amended—
11	(1) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as
12	paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively; and
13	(2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
14	lowing new paragraph:
15	"(5) carrying out the duties described in section
16	304(c);".
17	(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents
18	of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 is amended—
19	(1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
20	tions 304 and 305 as relating to sections 305 and
21	306, and by inserting after the item relating to sec-
22	tion 303 the following new item:
	"Sec. 304. Allocation of election resources."; and
23	(2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-
24	tion 402 the following new item:
	"Sec. 403. Private right of action for unreasonable voter waiting time.".

1	(e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall apply with respect to elections held on
3	or after the expiration of the 180-day period which begins
4	on the date of the enactment of this Act.
5	SEC. 4. MINIMUM REQUIRED VOTING SYSTEMS, POLL
6	WORKERS, AND ELECTION RESOURCES.
7	(a) Minimum Requirements.—
8	(1) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Help Amer-
9	ica Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.) is
10	amended by adding at the end the following new
11	subtitle:
10	"Subtitle C—Additional
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13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	Requirements "SEC. 321. MINIMUM REQUIRED VOTING SYSTEMS AND POLL WORKERS. "(a) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall provide for the minimum required number of voting systems, poll workers, and other election resources (including all other physical resources) for each voting site on the day of any Federal election and on any days during which such State allows early voting for a Federal election in accordance with the

1	"(1) the term 'voting site' means a polling loca-
2	tion; and
3	"(2) the term 'voting system' means the total
4	combination of mechanical, electromechanical, or
5	electronic equipment (including the software,
6	firmware, and documentation required to program,
7	control, and support the equipment) that is used at
8	a voting site—
9	"(A) to check the official list of eligible
10	voters for purposes of confirming that an indi-
11	vidual is eligible to cast a vote at the site;
12	"(B) to east and count votes; and
13	"(C) to maintain and produce any audit
14	trail information.
15	"(c) Effective Date.—Each State shall be re-
16	quired to comply with the requirements of this section on
17	and after January 1, 2025.".
18	(2) Conforming Amendment.—Section 401
19	of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C.
20	21111) is amended by striking "and 303" and in-
21	serting "303, and subtitle C".
22	(3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
23	tents of such Act is amended by adding at the end
24	of the items relating to title III the following:
	"Subtitle C Additional Requirements

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"Sec. 321. Minimum required voting systems and poll workers.".

1	(b) Standards.—
2	(1) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Help America
3	Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20921 et seq.) is
4	amended by adding at the end the following new
5	subtitle:
6	"Subtitle E—Guidance and
7	Standards
8	"SEC. 299. STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM
9	REQUIRED VOTING SYSTEMS AND POLL
10	WORKERS.
11	"(a) In General.—Not later than 6 months after
12	the date of the enactment of the POLL Act, the Attorney
13	General, acting through the Office of Civil Rights of the
14	Department of Justice and in consultation with the Com-
15	mission, shall issue standards regarding the minimum
16	number of voting systems, poll workers, and other election
17	resources (including all other physical resources) required
18	under section 321 on the day of any Federal election and
19	on any days during which early voting is allowed for a
20	Federal election.
21	"(b) Distribution.—
22	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The standards described in
23	subsection (a) shall provide for a uniform and non-
24	discriminatory distribution of such systems, workers,
25	and other resources, and shall take into account,

1	among other factors, the following with respect to
2	any voting site (as defined in section 321(b)):
3	"(A) The voting-age population.
4	"(B) Voter turnout in past elections.
5	"(C) The number of voters registered.
6	"(D) The number of voters who have reg-
7	istered since the most recent Federal election.
8	"(E) Census data for the population served
9	by such voting site.
10	"(F) The educational levels and socio-eco-
11	nomic factors of the population served by such
12	voting site.
13	"(G) The needs and numbers of disabled
14	voters and voters with limited English pro-
15	ficiency.
16	"(H) The type of voting systems used.
17	"(2) No factor dispositive.—The standards
18	shall provide that any distribution of such systems
19	shall take into account the totality of all relevant
20	factors, including the effects of State laws on the
21	availability of such systems and resources for use by
22	local election officials, and no single factor shall be
23	dispositive under the standards.
24	"(3) Purpose.—To the extent possible, the
25	standards shall provide for a distribution of voting

1	systems, poll workers, and other election resources,
2	with the goals of—
3	"(A) ensuring an equal waiting time for all
4	voters in the State; and
5	"(B) preventing a waiting time of over 30
6	minutes at any polling place.
7	"(4) Special rule regarding electronic
8	POLL BOOKS.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (1), (2),
9	and (3), in the case of any voting site that uses an
10	electronic poll book, the standards described in sub-
11	section (a) shall require at least 1 paper poll book
12	(containing all of the information necessary to con-
13	firm that an individual is eligible to cast a vote at
14	the site) for each such electronic poll book used at
15	such voting site.
16	"(c) DEVIATION.—The standards described in sub-
17	section (a) shall permit States, upon giving reasonable
18	public notice, to deviate from any allocation requirements
19	in the case of unforeseen circumstances such as a natural
20	disaster or terrorist attack.".
21	(2) Conforming amendment.—Section 202
22	of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20922), as amended by sec-
23	tion 3(c), is amended—

1	(A) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5),
2	and (6) as paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respec-
3	tively; and
4	(B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
5	following new paragraph:
6	"(5) carrying out the duties described in sub-
7	title E;".
8	(3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
9	tents of such Act is amended by adding at the end
10	of the items relating to title II the following:
	"Subtitle E—Guidance and Standards
	"Sec. 299. Standards for establishing the minimum required voting systems and poll workers.".
11	SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES BY CHIEF
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112 113 114 115 116 117	CIALS. (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 319 the following new section:
112 113 114 115 116 117 118	CIALS. (a) In General.—Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 319 the following new section: "CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES BY CHIEF STATE ELECTION"
12 13 14 15 16 17 18	CIALS. (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 319 the following new section: "CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES BY CHIEF STATE ELECTION ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS

1	campaign with respect to any election for Federal office
2	over which such official has supervisory authority.
3	"(b) CHIEF STATE ELECTION ADMINISTRATION OF-
4	FICIAL.—The term 'chief State election administration of-
5	ficial' means the highest State official with responsibility
6	for the administration of Federal elections under State
7	law.
8	"(c) Active Part in Political Management or
9	IN A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.—The term 'active part in po-
10	litical management or in a political campaign' means—
11	"(1) serving as a member of an authorized com-
12	mittee of a candidate for Federal office;
13	"(2) the use of official authority or influence
14	for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the
15	result of an election for Federal office;
16	"(3) the solicitation, acceptance, or receipt of a
17	contribution from any person on behalf of a can-
18	didate for Federal office; and
19	"(4) any other act which would be prohibited
20	under paragraph (2) or (3) of section 7323(b) of
21	title 5, United States Code, if taken by an individual
22	to whom such paragraph applies (other than any
23	prohibition on running for public office).

1	"(d) Exception in Case of Recusal From Ad-
2	MINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS INVOLVING ELECTION OF-
3	FICIAL OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER.—
4	"(1) IN GENERAL.—This section does not apply
5	to a chief State election administration official with
6	respect to an election for Federal office in which
7	such official or an immediate family member of the
8	official is a candidate, but only if—
9	"(A) such official recuses himself or herself
10	from all of the official's responsibilities for the
11	administration of such election; and
12	"(B) the official who assumes responsi-
13	bility for supervising the administration of the
14	election does not report directly to such official.
15	"(2) Immediate family member defined.—
16	In paragraph (1), the term 'immediate family mem-
17	ber' means, with respect to a candidate, a father,
18	mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, husband,
19	wife, father-in-law, or mother-in-law.".
20	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
21	subsection (a) shall apply with respect to elections for
22	Federal office held after January 1, 2025.

1	SEC. 6. PAYMENTS TO STATES TO PREVENT UNREASON-
2	ABLE WAIT TIMES AND PROMOTE WELL-RUN
3	ELECTIONS.
4	(a) In General.—Subtitle D of title II of the Help
5	America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21001 et seq.) is
6	amended by adding at the end the following:
7	"PART VII—PAYMENTS FOR PREVENTING
8	UNREASONABLE VOTER WAIT TIMES
9	"SEC. 297. PAYMENTS TO STATES.
10	"(a) In General.—The Commission shall make a
11	payment to each eligible State. Such payments shall be
12	made not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
13	of this part.
14	"(b) Eligible State.—For purposes of this section,
15	a State is an eligible State if such State has filed with
16	the Commission a State plan covering the fiscal year in
17	which the State describes how it intends to use the funds
18	provided under this section.
19	"(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible State shall use the
20	payment received under this part to meet the requirements
21	of section 304 and 321.
22	"(d) Amount of Payment.—
23	"(1) In General.—The amount of payment
24	made to a State under this section shall be the min-
25	imum payment amount described in paragraph (2)

1	plus the voting age population proportion amount
2	described in paragraph (3).
3	"(2) MINIMUM PAYMENT AMOUNT.—The min-
4	imum payment amount described in this paragraph
5	is—
6	"(A) in the case of any of the several
7	States or the District of Columbia, one-half of
8	1 percent of the aggregate amount made avail-
9	able for payments under this section; and
10	"(B) in the case of the Commonwealth of
11	Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, or the
12	United States Virgin Islands, one-tenth of 1
13	percent of such aggregate amount.
14	"(3) Voting age population proportion
15	AMOUNT.—The voting age population proportion
16	amount described in this paragraph is the product
17	of—
18	"(A) the aggregate amount made available
19	for payments under this section minus the total
20	of all of the minimum payment amounts deter-
21	mined under paragraph (2); and
22	"(B) the voting age population proportion
23	for the State (as defined in paragraph (4)).
24	"(4) Voting age population proportion
25	DEFINED.—The term 'voting age population propor-

1	tion' means, with respect to a State, the amount
2	equal to the quotient of—
3	"(A) the voting age population of the State
4	(as reported in the most recent decennial cen-
5	sus); and
6	"(B) the total voting age population of all
7	States (as reported in the most recent decennial
8	census).
9	"(e) Authorization of Appropriations.—
10	"(1) In General.—There are authorized to be
11	appropriated for payments under this section
12	\$500,000,000 for each fiscal year.
13	"(2) AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts appro-
14	priated pursuant to the authority of paragraph (1)
15	shall remain available without fiscal year limitation
16	until expended.".
17	(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
18	of such Act is amended by inserting after the item relating
19	to section 296 the following:
	"Part VII—Payments for Preventing Unreasonable Voter Wait Times

"Sec. 297. Payments to States.".