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# H. R. 2968

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself, Mr. ALFORD, Ms. KING-HINDS, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. WIED, Mr. JACK, Mr. DOWNING, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. PATRONIS, and Mr. FINSTAD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To limit the authority of the Small Business Administration to facilitate access to voter registration, and for other purposes.

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 “Business over Ballots  
5       Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7       It is the sense of Congress that—

1           (1) the Small Business Administration should  
2       focus on aiding and assisting small business con-  
3       cerns;

4           (2) facilitating access to voter registration is be-  
5       yond the scope of the mission of the Administration  
6       and the authority of the Administration under Fed-  
7       eral law; and

8           (3) any Executive order issued by the President  
9       may not conflict with this Act or otherwise compel  
10      the Administrator of the Small Business Administra-  
11      tion to facilitate access to voter registration.

12 **SEC. 3. LIMITATIONS ON FACILITATION OF ACCESS TO**  
13 **VOTER REGISTRATION BY THE SMALL BUSI-**  
14 **NESS ADMINISTRATION.**

15       (a) PROHIBITION.—The Administrator of the Small  
16      Business Administration may not take any action to facili-  
17      tate access to voter registration other than actions author-  
18      ized by Federal law.

19       (b) TERMS OF CONTRACTS.—On or after the date of  
20      the enactment of this Act, any contract or other agree-  
21      ment entered into by the Administrator to provide assist-  
22      ance to a person shall include a term stating that such  
23      person may not use such assistance to facilitate access to  
24      voter registration.

1       (c) EXISTING RECIPIENTS.—A recipient of assistance  
2 from the Administrator may not use such assistance to  
3 facilitate access to voter registration unless explicitly au-  
4 thorized by the terms of such assistance.

5       (d) COVERED ENTITIES.—The Administrator may  
6 not use, act through, or otherwise make a request of a  
7 covered entity to engage in activities to facilitate access  
8 to voter registration unless the Administrator is so author-  
9 ized by Congress.

10      (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

11           (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
12 trator” means the Administrator of the Small Busi-  
13 ness Administration.

14           (2) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-  
15 tity”—

16                   (A) means an entity, State government, or  
17                   unit of local government that receives funding  
18                   or other assistance from the Administrator  
19                   under a contract, cooperative agreement, memo-  
20                   randum of understanding, or other agreement  
21                   to carry out a program administered by the Ad-  
22                   ministrator; and

1                    (B) does not include a person that receives  
2                    a loan or loan guarantee under section 7 of the  
3                    Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636).

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