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To direct the Election Assistance Commission to make grants to States for procuring and maintaining electronic pollbooks with the capability of collecting and disseminating wait time information, and for other purposes.

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Ms. CROCKETT (for herself, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) 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 “Supplying Wait-time
5 Information to Facilitate Timely Voting with Operational

1 and Technology Enhancements Act” or the “SWIFT
2 VOTE Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR PROCURING AND MAINTAINING ELEC-**
4 **TRONIC POLLBOOKS.**

5 (a) GRANTS.—

6 (1) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.—Not later
7 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
8 Act, the Election Assistance Commission shall make
9 a grant to each eligible jurisdiction in a State for the
10 purpose of—

11 (A) procuring or maintaining electronic
12 pollbooks (hereafter referred to as “e-
13 pollbooks”); or

14 (B) developing the capability of collecting
15 and disseminating wait time information for use
16 in elections for Federal office, whether through
17 the use of e-pollbooks with such capability or
18 through other means.

19 (2) PRIORITIZATION OF GRANTS TO PROCURE
20 E-POLLBOOKS.—In making grants to eligible juris-
21 dictions under this section, the Commission shall
22 give priority to eligible jurisdictions showing dem-
23 onstrated need for new or additional e-pollbooks
24 which the jurisdiction will use to reduce wait times
25 at polling places on the dates of elections for Federal

1 office, and give priority to eligible jurisdictions that
2 propose the development of capability to report wait
3 time information in accordance with subsection
4 (c)(2)(A).

5 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—An eligible jurisdiction is eligible
6 to receive a grant under this section if the eligible jurisdic-
7 tion submits to the Commission, at such time and in such
8 form as the Commission may require, an application con-
9 taining the information and assurances described in sub-
10 section (c).

11 (c) INFORMATION DESCRIBED.—The information
12 and assurances described in this subsection are, with re-
13 spect to an eligible jurisdiction, the following:

14 (1) For an eligible jurisdiction seeking funding
15 for e-pollbooks, a description of the need of the eligi-
16 ble jurisdiction for procuring or maintaining e-
17 pollbooks.

18 (2) For an eligible jurisdiction seeking funding
19 for the collection and dissemination of wait time in-
20 formation—

21 (A) a certification that the chief election
22 official of the eligible jurisdiction shall publish
23 on the official public website of the chief elec-
24 tion official the most recent wait time informa-

1 tion for each polling place which is open for vot-
2 ers to vote in an election for Federal office—

3 (i) in the case of a polling place which
4 is open for 4 hours or fewer on such a day,
5 on an hourly basis on such a day; or

6 (ii) in the case of a polling place
7 which is open for more than 4 hours on
8 such a day, on at least 4 regular intervals
9 on such a day.

10 (B) Following each election cycle, publish
11 on the official public website of the chief elec-
12 tion official of the eligible jurisdiction a report
13 detailing wait time information through that
14 election cycle, including on the date of the elec-
15 tion as well as any dates on which individuals
16 were permitted to vote in person prior to the
17 date of the election, including wait times
18 throughout each such day of voting, to the ex-
19 tent such information is available.

20 (3) An assurance that—

21 (A) the funds provided under this section
22 will be used to supplement and not supplant
23 other funds used to carry out the activities for
24 which the funds are provided; and

1 (B) the chief election official of the eligible
2 jurisdiction shall provide regular reports to the
3 Commission containing information on the pro-
4 curement and maintenance of e-pollbooks with
5 the funds provided under this section.

6 (4) An assurance that the eligible jurisdiction
7 shall develop procedures for certifying that the pro-
8 curement and maintenance of e-pollbooks with the
9 funds provided under this section is in compliance
10 with the Commission's Voluntary Electronic Poll
11 Book Certification Program, or any similar or suc-
12 cessor program established by the Commission for e-
13 pollbook certification. Nothing in this paragraph
14 may be construed to prohibit a eligible jurisdiction
15 in a State from receiving a grant under this section
16 on the grounds that the State has in effect stand-
17 ards and procedures for the use of e-pollbooks which
18 are in addition to the standards and procedures re-
19 quired by the Commission.

20 (5) An assurance that the eligible jurisdiction
21 will work with experts in voting system technology
22 and infrastructure to develop and carry out training
23 programs in the use of e-pollbooks by election offi-
24 cials, and that such programs will train election offi-
25 cials in methods that will enable the officials to meet

1 the needs of individual voters, including voters with
2 limited English language proficiency and voters with
3 disabilities, without regard to age, gender, or sexual
4 orientation.

5 (6) Such other information and assurances as
6 the Commission may require.

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
8 nitions apply:

9 (1) The term “Commission” means the Election
10 Assistance Commission.

11 (2) The term “election cycle” means the period
12 beginning on the day after the date of the most re-
13 cent regularly scheduled general election for Federal
14 office and ending on the date of the next such elec-
15 tion.

16 (3) The term “eligible jurisdiction” means a
17 State or a political subdivision of a State which is
18 responsible for carrying out an election for Federal
19 office in the State.

20 (4) The term “e-pollbook” means a device or
21 technology that may be used at a polling place in an
22 election for Federal office in place of a traditional
23 paper poll book and that partially automates the
24 process of checking in voters, assigning voters the
25 correct ballot style, and tracking voters who have

1 been issued a ballot. An e-pollbook may be used at
2 the polling place together with a separate copy of
3 the list of registered voters or may be networked
4 into a central voter registration system which en-
5 ables the election official at the polling place to
6 check and update voter records in real time.

7 (5) The term “State” means each of the several
8 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
9 of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the United
10 States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the
11 Northern Mariana Islands.

12 (6) The term “wait time information” means,
13 with respect to a polling place in an election for
14 Federal office, the length of time between when an
15 individual arrives at the polling place and completes
16 the polling place’s check-in process, as well as the
17 length of time between the completion of that indi-
18 vidual’s check-in process and when that individual
19 receives a ballot or, if a physical ballot is not pro-
20 vided, until the individual is directed to an electronic
21 voting machine.

22 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
24 \$120,000,000, to remain available until expended.

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