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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2026

Mrs. GRIJALVA (for herself, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BALINT, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ELFRETH, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LICCARDO, Mr. MANNION, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. POU, Ms. RANDALL, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. RIVAS, Ms. ROSS, Ms. SIMON, Mr. STANTON, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TONKO, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Mr. FROST) 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 “No Delay in Represen-
5 tation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO OATH OF OF-**
7 **FICE FOR INDIVIDUALS ELECTED TO THE**
8 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PURSUANT TO**
9 **SPECIAL ELECTIONS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
11 sion of law or rule of the House of Representatives, an
12 individual elected to fill a vacancy in the House of Rep-
13 resentatives pursuant to a special election shall be pro-
14 vided an opportunity to have the oath of office adminis-
15 tered and be seated as a sworn Member of the House not
16 later than five legislative days after the day that the re-
17 sults of such special election are certified.

18 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE PURSU-
19 ANT TO JOINT AGREEMENT.—In the case that an indi-
20 vidual described in subsection (a) declines to have the oath
21 of office administered during the period described in such
22 subsection, the Speaker of the House of Representatives
23 shall administer the oath of office to such individual on
24 such date as the individual and the Speaker jointly agree.

1 (c) LEGISLATIVE DAY DEFINED.—For purposes of
2 this section, the term “legislative day” means any day on
3 which the House of Representatives is in session, including
4 any day during which the House convenes in a pro forma
5 session.

6 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
7 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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