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# H. R. 1438

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to allow same day registration for Federal elections, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HAALAND (for herself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. COOPER, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. EVANS, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. HIMES, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mrs. CRAIG, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. DEAN, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mrs. DINGELL, and Ms. OMAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to allow same day registration for Federal elections, 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. SAME DAY REGISTRATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Help America  
5 Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating sections 304 and 305 as  
7 sections 305 and 306; and

1           (2) by inserting after section 303 the following  
2           new section:

3   **“SEC. 304. SAME DAY REGISTRATION.**

4           “(a) IN GENERAL.—

5                 “(1) REGISTRATION.—Notwithstanding section  
6           8(a)(1)(D) of the National Voter Registration Act of  
7           1993 (52 U.S.C. 20507(a)(1)(D)), each State shall  
8           permit any eligible individual on the day of a Fed-  
9           eral election and on any day when voting, including  
10          early voting, is permitted for a Federal election—

11                         “(A) to register to vote in such election at  
12           the polling place using a form that meets the  
13           requirements under section 9(b) of the National  
14           Voter Registration Act of 1993 (or, if the indi-  
15           vidual is already registered to vote, to revise  
16           any of the individual’s voter registration infor-  
17           mation); and

18                         “(B) to cast a vote in such election.

19                 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The requirements under  
20           paragraph (1) shall not apply to a State in which,  
21           under a State law in effect continuously on and after  
22           the date of the enactment of this section, there is no  
23           voter registration requirement for individuals in the  
24           State with respect to elections for Federal office.

1       “(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this  
2 section, the term ‘eligible individual’ means, with respect  
3 to any election for Federal office, an individual who is oth-  
4 erwise qualified to vote in that election.

5       “(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Each State shall be re-  
6 quired to comply with the requirements of subsection (a)  
7 for the regularly scheduled general election for Federal of-  
8 fice occurring in November 2020 and for any subsequent  
9 election for Federal office.”.

10       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-  
11 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 21111)  
12 is amended by striking “sections 301, 302, and 303” and  
13 inserting “subtitle A of title III”.

14       (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
15 of such Act is amended—

16               (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-  
17 tions 304 and 305 as relating to sections 305 and  
18 306; and

19               (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
20 tion 303 the following new item:

“Sec. 304. Same day registration.”.

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