

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3268

To clarify the application of certain Federal laws relating to elections to American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 26, 2011

Mr. SABLAN (for himself, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. PIERLUISI, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. CLAY, Ms. MOORE, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. BUTTERFIELD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF APPLICATION OF FEDERAL**
2 **ELECTION LAWS TO CERTAIN JURISDIC-**
3 **TIONS.**

4 (a) **FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT OF 1971.**—
5 Section 301(12) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
6 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431(12)) is amended by striking “or a
7 territory or possession of the United States” and inserting
8 “American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern
9 Mariana Islands, Guam, or the United States Virgin Is-
10 lands”.

11 (b) **CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**—

12 (1) **INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS.**—Section 594 of
13 title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking
14 “Delegate from the District of Columbia, or Resi-
15 dent Commissioner,” and inserting “or Delegate or
16 Resident Commissioner to the Congress”.

17 (2) **INTERFERENCE BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOY-**
18 **EES.**—Section 595 of title 18, United States Code,
19 is amended by striking “Delegate from the District
20 of Columbia, or Resident Commissioner,” and insert-
21 ing “or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the
22 Congress”.

23 (3) **VOTING BY ALIENS.**—Section 611(a) of title
24 18, United States Code, is amended by striking
25 “Delegate from the District of Columbia, or Resi-

1 dent Commissioner,” and inserting “or Delegate or
2 Resident Commissioner to the Congress”.

3 (c) VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965.—Section 11 of the
4 Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973i) is amended
5 by striking “Delegate from the District of Columbia,
6 Guam, or the Virgin Islands, or Resident Commissioner
7 of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico” each place it ap-
8 pears in subsections (c) and (e)(2) and inserting “or Dele-
9 gate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress”.

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