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To require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to provide certain information to inmates with respect to voting, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON (for herself, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Federal Bureau of
5 Prisons Voting Assistance Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO VOTING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days before a
8 Federal, State or local election, the Director of the Bureau
9 of Prisons shall send to—

1 (1) each inmate, through the Trust Fund Lim-
2 ited Inmate Computer System (TRULINCS) (or a
3 successor platform), who is (or prior to incarceration
4 was) a resident of a State that allows an inmate to
5 vote while in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons,
6 a message including—

7 (A) information on how to register to vote;

8 and

9 (B) information on how to request an ab-
10 sentee ballot; and

11 (2) each Re-entry Affairs Coordinator of each
12 Federal correctional facility, information including—

13 (A) criteria for voter registration for each
14 State that allows an inmate to vote while in the
15 custody of the Bureau of Prisons;

16 (B) instructions on voter registration for
17 each State that allows an inmate to vote while
18 in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons;

19 (C) printed voter registration forms for
20 each State that allows an inmate to vote while
21 in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons; and

22 (D) prepaid envelopes for voter registration
23 forms, as provided by a State Bureau of Elec-
24 tion.

25 (b) PUBLICATION; DELIVERY.—

1 (1) FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.—In
2 each Federal correctional facility, the Director shall
3 make available to inmates the information under
4 subsection (a), including by posting such information
5 physically at the correctional facility.

6 (2) INTERNET WEBSITE.—The Director shall
7 publish on the internet website of the Bureau of
8 Prisons the information under subsection (a).

9 (3) DELIVERY.—The Re-entry Affairs Coordi-
10 nator of each Federal correctional facility shall pro-
11 vide each inmate who is (or prior to incarceration
12 was) a resident of a State that allows an inmate to
13 vote while in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons
14 information identified under subsection (a)(2).

15 (c) LANGUAGE AVAILABILITIES.—The Director shall
16 provide any information under subsection (a) in both
17 English and Spanish, if the State that allows an inmate
18 to vote while in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons
19 makes available such information in both English and
20 Spanish.

21 (d) SUPPORT FOR CERTAIN INMATES.—The Director
22 shall provide support to any inmate who needs assistance
23 with voter registration as a result of a recognized dis-
24 ability.

1 (e) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
2 “State” means a State of the United States, the District
3 of Columbia, and any commonwealth, territory, or posses-
4 sion of the United States.

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