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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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

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## 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-

tion for each polling place which is open for voters to vote in an election for Federal office—

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

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

(B) Following each election cycle, publish on the official public website of the chief election official of the eligible jurisdiction a report detailing wait time information through that election cycle, including on the date of the election as well as any dates on which individuals were permitted to vote in person prior to the date of the election, including wait times throughout each such day of voting, to the extent such information is available.

(3) An assurance that—

(A) the funds provided under this section will be used to supplement and not supplant other funds used to carry out the activities for 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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