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H. R. 6493

To limit the involvement of Federal agencies in voter registration activities,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HAGEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Accountability, Science, Space, and Technology, and Education and the Workforce, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Free and
5 Fair Elections Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL AGENCY INVOLVEMENT IN VOTER REG-**
2 **ISTRATION ACTIVITIES.**

3 (a) CLARIFICATION OF FEDERAL AGENCY INVOLVE-
4 MENT IN VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES.—Executive
5 Order 14019 (86 Fed. Reg. 13623; relating to promoting
6 access to voting) shall have no force or effect, and any
7 contract or arrangement entered into by an agency to
8 carry out activities pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of such
9 Executive order shall be abrogated.

10 (b) AGREEMENTS WITH NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGA-
11 NIZATIONS.—None of the funds made available for the sal-
12 aries and expenses of an agency may be used to solicit
13 or enter into an agreement with a nongovernmental orga-
14 nization to conduct voter registration or voter mobilization
15 activities, including registering voters or providing any
16 person with voter registration materials, absentee or vote-
17 by-mail ballot applications, voting instructions, or can-
18 didate-related information, on the property or website of
19 the agency.

20 (c) REPORT ON PRIOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND
21 MOBILIZATION ACTIVITIES.—Not later than 30 days after
22 the date of enactment of this Act, the head of each agency
23 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
24 a report describing the activities carried out by the agency
25 pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of Executive Order 14019
26 (86 Fed. Reg. 13623).

1 (d) PROHIBITING VOTER REGISTRATION AND MOBI-
2 LIZATION IN FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS.—Sec-
3 tion 443(b)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
4 U.S.C. 1087–53(b)(1)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and”;

6 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-
7 paragraph (E); and

8 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(D) does not involve registering or mobi-
11 lizing voters on or off the campus of the institu-
12 tion; and”.

13 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
15 meaning given the term in section 3502(1) of title
16 44, United States Code.

17 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
18 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
19 mittees” means—

20 (A) the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
21 tration of the Senate;

22 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
23 Senate;

24 (C) the Committee on House Administra-
25 tion of the House of Representatives; and

1 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
2 House of Representatives.

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