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H. R. 4415

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit collection and transmission of ballots by certain third parties in District of Columbia elections, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GROTHMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 “American Confidence
5 in Elections: District of Columbia Election Fraud Preven-
6 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION WITH**
2 **RESPECT TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELEC-**
3 **TIONS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—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, respectively; and

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

10 **“SEC. 304. BAN ON COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION OF**
11 **BALLOTS BY CERTAIN THIRD PARTIES IN A**
12 **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTION.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The District of Columbia may
14 not permit an individual to knowingly collect and transmit
15 a ballot in a District of Columbia election that was mailed
16 to another person, other than an individual described as
17 follows:

18 “(1) An election official while engaged in offi-
19 cial duties as authorized by law.

20 “(2) An employee of the United States Postal
21 Service or other commercial common carrier engaged
22 in similar activities while engaged in duties author-
23 ized by law.

24 “(3) Any other individual who is allowed by law
25 to collect and transmit United States mail, while en-
26 gaged in official duties as authorized by law.

1 “(4) A family member, household member, or
2 caregiver of the person to whom the ballot was
3 mailed.

4 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the
5 following definitions apply:

6 “(1) With respect to a person to whom the bal-
7 lot was mailed—

8 “(A) the term ‘caregiver’ means an indi-
9 vidual who provides medical or health care as-
10 sistance to such person in a residence, nursing
11 care institution, hospice facility, assisted living
12 center, assisted living facility, assisted living
13 home, residential care institution, adult day
14 health care facility, or adult foster care home;

15 “(B) the term ‘family member’ means an
16 individual who is related to such person by
17 blood, marriage, adoption or legal guardianship;
18 and

19 “(C) the term ‘household member’ means
20 an individual who resides at the same residence
21 as such person.

22 “(2) The term ‘District of Columbia election’
23 means any election for public office in the District
24 of Columbia, including an election for Federal office,
25 and any ballot initiative or referendum.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-
2 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of the Help America Vote Act
3 of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21111) is amended by striking “and
4 303” and inserting “303, and 304”.

5 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
6 of such Act is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
8 tions 304 and 305 as relating to sections 305 and
9 306, respectively; and

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

“Sec. 304. Ban on collection and transmission of ballots by certain third parties
in a District of Columbia election.”.

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