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H. R. 4543

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to establish certain requirements for the timely processing and reporting of results with respect to a District of Columbia election, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DONALDS 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 Timely Reporting of
6 Election Results Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCESSING AND REPORTING**
2 **RESULTS WITH RESPECT TO DISTRICT OF CO-**
3 **LUMBIA ELECTIONS.**

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. TIMELY PROCESSING AND REPORTING OF RE-**
11 **SULTS WITH RESPECT TO A DISTRICT OF CO-**
12 **LUMBIA ELECTION.**

13 “(a) TIME FOR PROCESSING BALLOTS AND REPORT-
14 ING RESULTS.—The District of Columbia shall begin
15 processing ballots received by mail in a District of Colum-
16 bia election as soon as such ballots are received and shall
17 ensure to the greatest extent practicable that the results
18 of such District of Columbia election are reported to the
19 public not later than 10:00 am on the date following the
20 date of the election, but in no case shall such ballots be
21 tabulated or such results be reported earlier than the clos-
22 ing of polls on the date of the election.

23 “(b) REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH NUMBER OF
24 VOTED BALLOTS ON ELECTION DAY.—The District of
25 Columbia shall, as soon as practicable after the closing
26 of polls on the date of a District of Columbia election,

1 make available on a publicly accessible website the total
2 number of voted ballots in the possession of election offi-
3 cials in the District of Columbia as of the time of the clos-
4 ing of polls on the date of such election, which shall in-
5 clude, as of such time—

6 “(1) the number of voted ballots delivered by
7 mail;

8 “(2) the number of ballots requested for such
9 election by individuals who are entitled to vote by
10 absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas
11 Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301 et
12 seq.); and

13 “(3) the number of voted ballots for such elec-
14 tion received from individuals who are entitled to
15 vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and
16 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C.
17 20301 et seq.), including from individuals who,
18 under such Act, voted by absentee ballot without re-
19 questing such a ballot.

20 “(c) REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE BIPARTISAN ELEC-
21 TION ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITY.—With respect to a Dis-
22 trict of Columbia election, District of Columbia election
23 officials shall ensure that all activities are carried out in
24 a bipartisan manner, which shall include a requirement
25 that, in the case of an election worker who enters a room

1 which contains ballots, voting equipment, or non-voting
 2 equipment as any part of the election worker’s duties to
 3 carry out such election, the election worker is accompanied
 4 by an individual registered to vote with respect to a dif-
 5 ferent political party than such election worker, as deter-
 6 mined pursuant to the voting registration records of the
 7 District of Columbia.

8 “(d) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTION DEFINED.—
 9 The term ‘District of Columbia election’ means any elec-
 10 tion for public office in the District of Columbia, including
 11 an election for Federal office, and any ballot initiative or
 12 referendum.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-
 14 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of the Help America Vote Act
 15 of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21111) is amended by striking “and
 16 303” and inserting “303, and 304”.

17 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 18 of such Act is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-
 20 tions 304 and 305 as relating to sections 305 and
 21 306, respectively; and

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

“Sec. 304. Timely processing and reporting of results with respect to a District
 of Columbia election.”.