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H. R. 627

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to prohibit an individual from registering to vote in elections for Federal office held in the State unless the individual provides documentary proof that the individual is a citizen of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2023

Mr. FALLON 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 “Verification Of The
5 Electorate Act” or the “VOTE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING REGISTRATION TO VOTE OF INDIVID-**
2 **UALS WHO FAIL TO PROVIDE PROOF OF**
3 **UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8 of the National Voter
5 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20507) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
7 section (k); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(j) PROHIBITING REGISTRATION OF INDIVIDUALS
11 NOT PROVIDING PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN-
12 SHIP.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
14 provision of this Act, an individual may not register
15 to vote in elections for Federal office held in the
16 State unless, at the time the individual applies to
17 register to vote, the individual provides documentary
18 proof that the individual is a citizen of the United
19 States. The chief State election official of a State
20 shall, in consultation with the Election Assistance
21 Commission, determine which documents an indi-
22 vidual must provide to prove that the individual is
23 a citizen of the United States for purposes of this
24 paragraph.

25 “(2) APPLICABILITY.—Paragraph (1) applies
26 with respect to an individual who applies to register

1 to vote under section 5, 6, or 7 (including an indi-
2 vidual who submits the mail voter registration appli-
3 cation form prescribed by the Election Assistance
4 Commission pursuant to section 9), or who applies
5 under any other method of voter registration avail-
6 able in the State.

7 “(3) APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL PENALTY.—An
8 individual who violates this subsection shall be sub-
9 ject to the criminal penalty described in section
10 12(2).”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
12 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to applications for
13 voter registration which are submitted on or after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act.

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