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H. R. 6429

To amend the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to authorize candidates in a presidential election campaign to request a security clearance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mr. JEFFRIES, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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

To amend the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to authorize candidates in a presidential election campaign to request a security clearance.

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 “Protecting Access to
5 Classified Information in Elections Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR CANDIDATES DURING**
2 **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Intelligence Reform and Ter-
4 rorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–458; 118
5 Stat. 3856) is amended by inserting after section 7601
6 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 7602. SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR CANDIDATES DUR-**
8 **ING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

9 “(a) SECURITY CLEARANCE.—An eligible candidate
10 may request a security clearance.

11 “(b) PROCEDURES.—To the extent practicable pursu-
12 ant to existing procedures and requirements, the appro-
13 priate agencies and departments of the Federal Govern-
14 ment shall expeditiously provide the necessary background
15 investigations and eligibility determinations with respect
16 to a request for a security clearance by an eligible can-
17 didate under subsection (a).

18 “(c) DISCLOSURE.—

19 “(1) LIST.—Beginning not later than January
20 1 of each year in which a presidential election is
21 held, the Director shall maintain on a publicly acces-
22 sible internet website of the Office of the Director of
23 National Intelligence a list of each eligible candidate
24 who—

25 “(A) is granted a security clearance pursu-
26 ant to a request under subsection (a); and

1 “(B) provides written consent to the Direc-
2 tor to make public the status of such request.

3 “(2) UPDATES.—The Director shall update the
4 list under paragraph (1) not later than 7 days after
5 the date on which the Director receives the written
6 consent of a candidate under subparagraph (B) of
7 such paragraph.

8 “(d) ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE DEFINED.—The term ‘el-
9 igible candidate’ means a candidate for election to the of-
10 fice of President of the United States or the office of Vice
11 President of the United States described in section
12 9002(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
14 at the beginning of such Act is amended by inserting after
15 the item relating to section 7601 the following new item:

 “Sec. 7602. Security clearances for candidates during presidential election cam-
 paigns.”.

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