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# H. R. 7179

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to treat United States Citizenship and Immigration Services field offices as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. CORREA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. FROST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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

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## A BILL

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to treat United States Citizenship and Immigration Services field offices as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) United States Citizenship and Immigration  
2 Services is responsible for overseeing the naturaliza-  
3 tion of new citizens through—

4 (A) administering naturalization cere-  
5 monies; and

6 (B) processing the naturalization of new  
7 citizens naturalized through judicial ceremonies  
8 or other means.

9 (2) In performing the responsibilities described  
10 in paragraph (1), United States Citizenship and Im-  
11 migration Services has the ability to facilitate effi-  
12 cient voter registration application for all new citi-  
13 zens.

14 (3) Courts that have the privilege of admin-  
15 istering the oath of allegiance to naturalize new citi-  
16 zens also have a responsibility to assist in facili-  
17 tating voter registration.

18 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND**  
19 **IMMIGRATION SERVICES FIELD OFFICES AS**  
20 **VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7 of the National Voter  
22 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20506) is amended  
23 by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e) and by  
24 inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsection:

1       “(d) VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES OF THE U.S.  
2       CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES.—

3               “(1) FIELD OFFICES.—

4                       “(A) IN GENERAL.—A field office of U.S.  
5       Citizenship and Immigration Services shall be  
6       considered to be a voter registration agency  
7       designated under subsection (a)(2) for all pur-  
8       poses of this Act.

9                       “(B) PROCEDURES.—Each State and the  
10       Secretary of Homeland Security shall jointly de-  
11       velop and implement procedures for persons  
12       who have completed naturalization to apply to  
13       register to vote through field offices of U.S.  
14       Citizenship and Immigration Services.

15               “(2) COURT NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES.—  
16       The Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration  
17       Services shall conduct activities described in sub-  
18       section (a)(4)(A) at any oath administration pro-  
19       ceeding conducted by an eligible court (as defined in  
20       section 310(b) of the Immigration and Nationality  
21       Act (8 U.S.C. 1421(b))).”.

22       (b) FUNDING.—

23               (1) USE OF IMMIGRATION EXAMINATIONS FEE  
24       ACCOUNT.—Section 286(n) of the Immigration and  
25       Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(n)) is amended by

1 striking “and naturalization services” and inserting  
2 “, naturalization services, and voter registration  
3 services pursuant to section 7(d) of the National  
4 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.  
5 20506(d))”.

6 (2) USE OF GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS.—Section  
7 404 of division F of the Consolidated Appropriations  
8 Act, 2017 (8 U.S.C. 1382) is amended by adding at  
9 the end the following new subsection:

10 “(e) Any amounts which—

11 “(1) are in the Citizenship Gift and Bequest  
12 Account established under subsection (c); or

13 “(2) are appropriated for the Citizenship and  
14 Integration Grant Program;

15 may be used to pay for expenses for voter registration  
16 services provided pursuant to section 7(d) of the National  
17 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20506(d)).”.

18 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPRO-  
19 PRIATIONS.—In addition to any other amounts,  
20 there are authorized to be appropriated to United  
21 States Citizenship and Immigration Services such  
22 sums as necessary to carry out activities required by  
23 the amendments made by subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVI-**  
2 **TIES AT COURT NATURALIZATION CERE-**  
3 **MONIES.**

4 Any eligible court described in paragraph (5) of sec-  
5 tion 310(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
6 U.S.C. 1421(b)) that administers the oath of allegiance  
7 under that section—

8 (1) shall permit the Director of U.S. Citizen-  
9 ship and Immigration Services to conduct authorized  
10 activities described in section 7(a)(4)(A) of the Na-  
11 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.  
12 20506(a)(4)(A)) at any oath administration pro-  
13 ceeding conducted by such eligible court; and

14 (2) shall not seek reimbursement from U.S.  
15 Citizenship and Immigration Services or any other  
16 person for costs incurred under this paragraph.

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