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# S. 4225

To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to require any individual who votes in a municipal election of the District of Columbia to be a United States citizen and to provide proof of citizenship.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2024

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## 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 “Demanding Citizenship  
5 in DC Elections Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED TO VOTE IN DIS-**  
 2 **TRICT OF COLUMBIA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the District of Colum-  
 4 bia Home Rule Act (1–201.01 et seq., D.C. Official Code)  
 5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“PART G—VOTING REQUIREMENTS**  
 7 **“SEC. 497. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED TO VOTE IN**  
 8 **LOCAL ELECTIONS.**

9 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘local  
 10 election’ means—

11 “(1) an election for—

12 “(A) Mayor;

13 “(B) Chairman or member of the Council;

14 “(C) Attorney General;

15 “(D) Member of the State Board of Edu-  
 16 cation; or

17 “(E) Advisory Neighborhood Commis-  
 18 sioner; or

19 “(2) an initiative, referendum, recall, or charter  
 20 amendment measure on a District ballot.

21 “(b) PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED.—An indi-  
 22 vidual may not vote in a local election unless the indi-  
 23 vidual—

24 “(1) is a citizen of the United States; and

25 “(2) demonstrates proof of such citizenship to  
 26 the Board of Elections.”.

1 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of con-  
3 tents for the District of Columbia Home Rule Act is  
4 amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
5 tion 496 the following:

“PART G—VOTING REQUIREMENTS

“Sec. 497. Proof of citizenship required to vote in local elections.”.

6 (2) CONFORMING REPEAL.—The Local Resi-  
7 dent Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C.  
8 Law 24–242) is repealed, and each provision of law  
9 amended by that Act is amended to read as it read  
10 on the day before the effective date of that Act.

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