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Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2025, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. COLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2025, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Continuing Appropria-
5 tions and Other Matters Act, 2025”.

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1 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

2 Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference
3 to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall
4 be treated as referring only to the provisions of that divi-
5 sion.

6 **DIVISION A—CONTINUING**
7 **APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025**

8 The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of
9 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
10 and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts,
11 and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corpora-
12 tions, and other organizational units of Government for
13 fiscal year 2025, and for other purposes, namely:

14 SEC. 101. Such amounts as may be necessary, at a
15 rate for operations as provided in the applicable appro-
16 priations Acts for fiscal year 2024 and under the authority
17 and conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing
18 projects or activities (including the costs of direct loans

1 and loan guarantees) that are not otherwise specifically
2 provided for in this Act, that were conducted in fiscal year
3 2024, and for which appropriations, funds, or other au-
4 thority were made available in the following appropriations
5 Acts:

6 (1) The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food
7 and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Ap-
8 propriations Act, 2024 (division B of Public Law
9 118–42).

10 (2) The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Re-
11 lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 (division C
12 of Public Law 118–42).

13 (3) The Department of Defense Appropriations
14 Act, 2024 (division A of Public Law 118–47).

15 (4) The Energy and Water Development and
16 Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 (division
17 D of Public Law 118–42).

18 (5) The Financial Services and General Govern-
19 ment Appropriations Act, 2024 (division B of Public
20 Law 118–47), except section 637.

21 (6) The Department of Homeland Security Ap-
22 propriations Act, 2024 (division C of Public Law
23 118–47), except section 546(e).

24 (7) The Department of the Interior, Environ-
25 ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,

1 2024 (division E of Public Law 118–42), except sec-
2 tion 447.

3 (8) The Departments of Labor, Health and
4 Human Services, and Education, and Related Agen-
5 cies Appropriations Act, 2024 (division D of Public
6 Law 118–47).

7 (9) The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
8 2024 (division E of Public Law 118–47), except the
9 matter under the heading “Joint Items—Joint Con-
10 gressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies of
11 2025”, and section 7 in the matter preceding divi-
12 sion A of Public Law 118–47.

13 (10) The Military Construction, Veterans Af-
14 fairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
15 2024 (division A of Public Law 118–42), except sec-
16 tion 259.

17 (11) The Department of State, Foreign Oper-
18 ations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act,
19 2024 (division F of Public Law 118–47), except sec-
20 tion 7075(a).

21 (12) The Transportation, Housing and Urban
22 Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations
23 Act, 2024 (division F of Public Law 118–42).

1 SEC. 102. (a) No appropriation or funds made avail-
2 able or authority granted pursuant to section 101 for the
3 Department of Defense shall be used for:

4 (1) the new production of items not funded for pro-
5 duction in fiscal year 2024 or prior years;

6 (2) the increase in production rates above those sus-
7 tained with fiscal year 2024 funds; or

8 (3) the initiation, resumption, or continuation of any
9 project, activity, operation, or organization (defined as any
10 project, subproject, activity, budget activity, program ele-
11 ment, and subprogram within a program element, and for
12 any investment items defined as a P-1 line item in a budg-
13 et activity within an appropriation account and an R-1
14 line item that includes a program element and subprogram
15 element within an appropriation account) for which appro-
16 priations, funds, or other authority were not available dur-
17 ing fiscal year 2024.

18 (b) No appropriation or funds made available or au-
19 thority granted pursuant to section 101 for the Depart-
20 ment of Defense shall be used to initiate multi-year pro-
21 curements utilizing advance procurement funding for eco-
22 nomic order quantity procurement unless specifically ap-
23 propriated later.

1 SEC. 103. Appropriations made by section 101 shall
2 be available to the extent and in the manner that would
3 be provided by the pertinent appropriations Act.

4 SEC. 104. Except as otherwise provided in section
5 102, no appropriation or funds made available or author-
6 ity granted pursuant to section 101 shall be used to ini-
7 tiate or resume any project or activity for which appro-
8 priations, funds, or other authority were not available dur-
9 ing fiscal year 2024.

10 SEC. 105. Appropriations made and authority grant-
11 ed pursuant to this Act shall cover all obligations or ex-
12 penditures incurred for any project or activity during the
13 period for which funds or authority for such project or
14 activity are available under this Act.

15 SEC. 106. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act
16 or in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year
17 2025, appropriations and funds made available and au-
18 thority granted pursuant to this Act shall be available
19 until whichever of the following first occurs:

20 (1) The enactment into law of an appropriation
21 for any project or activity provided for in this Act.

22 (2) The enactment into law of the applicable
23 appropriations Act for fiscal year 2025 without any
24 provision for such project or activity.

25 (3) March 28, 2025.

1 SEC. 107. Expenditures made pursuant to this Act
2 shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or
3 authorization whenever a bill in which such applicable ap-
4 propriation, fund, or authorization is contained is enacted
5 into law.

6 SEC. 108. Appropriations made and funds made
7 available by or authority granted pursuant to this Act may
8 be used without regard to the time limitations for submis-
9 sion and approval of apportionments set forth in section
10 1513 of title 31, United States Code, but nothing in this
11 Act may be construed to waive any other provision of law
12 governing the apportionment of funds.

13 SEC. 109. Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 this Act, except section 106, for those programs that
15 would otherwise have high initial rates of operation or
16 complete distribution of appropriations at the beginning
17 of fiscal year 2025 because of distributions of funding to
18 States, foreign countries, grantees, or others, such high
19 initial rates of operation or complete distribution shall not
20 be made, and no grants shall be awarded for such pro-
21 grams funded by this Act that would impinge on final
22 funding prerogatives.

23 SEC. 110. This Act shall be implemented so that only
24 the most limited funding action of that permitted in the

1 Act shall be taken in order to provide for continuation of
2 projects and activities.

3 SEC. 111. (a) For entitlements and other mandatory
4 payments whose budget authority was provided in appro-
5 priations Acts for fiscal year 2024, and for activities under
6 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, activities shall be
7 continued at the rate to maintain program levels under
8 current law, under the authority and conditions provided
9 in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2024,
10 to be continued through the date specified in section
11 106(3).

12 (b) Notwithstanding section 106, obligations for man-
13 datory payments due on or about the first day of any
14 month that begins after October 2024 but not later than
15 30 days after the date specified in section 106(3) may con-
16 tinue to be made, and funds shall be available for such
17 payments.

18 SEC. 112. Amounts made available under section 101
19 for civilian personnel compensation and benefits in each
20 department and agency may be apportioned up to the rate
21 for operations necessary to avoid furloughs within such de-
22 partment or agency, consistent with the applicable appro-
23 priations Act for fiscal year 2024, except that such author-
24 ity provided under this section shall not be used until after
25 the department or agency has taken all necessary actions

1 to reduce or defer non-personnel-related administrative ex-
2 penses.

3 SEC. 113. Funds appropriated by this Act may be
4 obligated and expended notwithstanding section 10 of
5 Public Law 91–672 (22 U.S.C. 2412), section 15 of the
6 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
7 U.S.C. 2680), section 313 of the Foreign Relations Au-
8 thorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (22 U.S.C.
9 6212), and section 504(a)(1) of the National Security Act
10 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3094(a)(1)).

11 SEC. 114. (a) Each amount incorporated by reference
12 in this Act that was previously designated by the Congress
13 as an emergency requirement pursuant to section
14 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
15 Deficit Control Act of 1985 or as being for disaster relief
16 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of such Act is des-
17 ignated by the Congress as an emergency requirement
18 pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of such Act or as
19 being for disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)
20 of such Act, respectively.

21 (b) Section 6 of Public Laws 118–42 and 118–47
22 shall apply to amounts designated in subsection (a) and
23 in sections 130 and 146 of this Act as an emergency re-
24 quirement.

1 (c) Each amount incorporated by reference in this
2 Act that was previously designated by the Congress as an
3 emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolu-
4 tion on the budget shall continue to be treated as amounts
5 specified in section 103(b) of division A of Public Law
6 118–5.

7 (d) This section shall become effective immediately
8 upon enactment of this Act, and shall remain in effect
9 through the date in section 106(3).

10 SEC. 115. (a) Rescissions or cancellations of discre-
11 tionary budget authority that continue pursuant to section
12 101 in Treasury Appropriations Fund Symbols (TAFS)—

13 (1) to which other appropriations are not provided
14 by this Act, but for which there is a current applicable
15 TAFS that does receive an appropriation in this Act; or

16 (2) which are no-year TAFS and receive other appro-
17 priations in this Act, may be continued instead by reduc-
18 ing the rate for operations otherwise provided by section
19 101 for such current applicable TAFS, as long as doing
20 so does not impinge on the final funding prerogatives of
21 the Congress.

22 (b) Rescissions or cancellations described in sub-
23 section (a) shall continue in an amount equal to the lesser
24 of—

1 (1) the amount specified for rescission or can-
2 cellation in the applicable appropriations Act ref-
3 erenced in section 101 of this Act; or

4 (2) the amount of balances available, as of Oc-
5 tober 1, 2024, from the funds specified for rescission
6 or cancellation in the applicable appropriations Act
7 referenced in section 101 of this Act.

8 (c) No later than November 18, 2024, the Director
9 of the Office of Management and Budget shall provide to
10 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives and the Senate a comprehensive list of the
12 rescissions or cancellations that will continue pursuant to
13 section 101: *Provided*, That the information in such com-
14 prehensive list shall be periodically updated to reflect any
15 subsequent changes in the amount of balances available,
16 as of October 1, 2024, from the funds specified for rescis-
17 sion or cancellation in the applicable appropriations Act
18 referenced in section 101, and such updates shall be trans-
19 mitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the House
20 of Representatives and the Senate upon request.

21 SEC. 116. In addition to amounts otherwise provided
22 by section 101, there is appropriated to the Department
23 of Defense for “Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy”,
24 \$1,950,000,000, for an additional amount for fiscal year

1 2025, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for
2 the Virginia Class Submarine program.

3 SEC. 117. Notwithstanding sections 101 and 104,
4 amounts provided by section 101 for “Corps of Engi-
5 neers—Civil—Operation and Maintenance” may be used
6 up to an amount not to exceed \$37,600,000, adjusted for
7 inflation beginning August 1, 2024, as compensation for
8 reserving and operating 3.6 million acre-feet of pre-
9 planned flood storage at Hugh Keenleyside Dam to mini-
10 mize the flood risk in the Columbia River Basin in the
11 United States.

12 SEC. 118. (a) Funds made available by section 101
13 for “Department of Energy—Atomic Energy Defense Ac-
14 tivities—Environmental and Other Defense Activities—
15 Other Defense Activities” may be apportioned up to the
16 rate for operations necessary to sustain specialized secu-
17 rity activities.

18 (b) The Secretary of Energy shall notify the Commit-
19 tees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
20 and the Senate not later than 3 days after each use of
21 the authority provided in subsection (a).

22 SEC. 119. Notwithstanding section 101, the matter
23 under the heading “Election Assistance Commission—
24 Election Security Grants” in division B of Public Law

1 118–47 shall be applied by substituting “\$0” for
2 “\$55,000,000”.

3 SEC. 120. (a) Notwithstanding section 101, for “Gen-
4 eral Services Administration—Expenses, Presidential
5 Transition”, there is appropriated \$10,202,314, for nec-
6 essary expenses to carry out the Presidential Transition
7 Act of 1963 (Public Law 88–277), as amended, of which
8 \$6,971,863 is available for activities authorized by sec-
9 tions 3(a)(1) through 3(a)(7) and 3(a)(10) of such Act;
10 \$2,730,451 is available for activities authorized by section
11 5 of such Act; and not to exceed \$500,000 is available
12 for activities authorized by sections 3(a)(8) and 3(a)(9)
13 of such Act: *Provided*, That such amounts may be trans-
14 ferred and credited to the “Acquisition Services Fund” or
15 the “Federal Buildings Fund” to reimburse obligations in-
16 curred prior to enactment of this Act for the purposes pro-
17 vided herein related to the Presidential election in 2024:
18 *Provided further*, That amounts available under this sec-
19 tion shall be in addition to any other amounts available
20 for such purposes.

21 (b) Notwithstanding section 101, no funds are pro-
22 vided by this Act for “General Services Administration—
23 Pre-Election Presidential Transition”.

24 SEC. 121. In addition to amounts otherwise provided
25 by section 101, amounts are provided for “District of Co-

1 lumbia—Federal Payment for Emergency Planning and
2 Security Costs in the District of Columbia” at a rate for
3 operations of \$47,000,000, for an additional amount for
4 costs associated with the Presidential Inauguration to be
5 held in January 2025: *Provided*, That such amounts may
6 be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to
7 maintain emergency planning and security activities relat-
8 ing to such Presidential Inauguration.

9 SEC. 122. Notwithstanding any other provision of
10 this Act, except section 106, the District of Columbia may
11 expend local funds made available under the heading “Dis-
12 trict of Columbia—District of Columbia Funds” for such
13 programs and activities under the District of Columbia
14 Appropriations Act, 2024 (title IV of division B of Public
15 Law 118–47) at the rate set forth in the Fiscal Year 2025
16 Local Budget Act of 2024 (D. C. Act 25–501), as modi-
17 fied as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 SEC. 123. Notwithstanding section 101, for “Execu-
19 tive Office of the President and Funds Appropriated to
20 the President—Office of Administration—Presidential
21 Transition Administrative Support”, there is appropriated
22 \$8,000,000, for expenses necessary to carry out the Presi-
23 dential Transition Act of 1963 and other similar expenses:
24 *Provided*, That such funds may be transferred to other
25 accounts that provide funding for offices within the Execu-

1 tive Office of the President and the Office of the Vice
2 President in this Act or any other Act, to carry out such
3 purposes: *Provided further*, That such amounts may be ap-
4 portioned up to the rate for operations necessary to carry
5 out such responsibilities.

6 SEC. 124. Notwithstanding section 106, for the dura-
7 tion of fiscal year 2025, amounts made available under
8 section 601(f)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 801(f)(3)) shall be available for any necessary expenses
10 of the Department of the Treasury Office of Inspector
11 General with respect to section 601 of that Act, subtitle
12 A of title V of division N of the Consolidated Appropria-
13 tions Act of 2021, or section 3201 of the American Rescue
14 Plan Act of 2021, in addition to amounts otherwise avail-
15 able for such purposes.

16 SEC. 125. Notwithstanding section 101, the second
17 proviso under the heading “Office of Personnel Manage-
18 ment—Salaries and Expenses” in title V of division B of
19 Public Law 118–47 shall be applied by substituting
20 “\$204,975,000” for “\$192,975,000”.

21 SEC. 126. (a) Notwithstanding section 101, section
22 747 of title VII of division B of Public Law 118–47 shall
23 be applied during the period covered by this Act by—

24 (1) substituting “2026” for “2025”;

1 (2) substituting “2025” for “2024” each place
2 it appears;

3 (3) substituting “2024” for “2023” each place
4 it appears; and

5 (4) substituting “section 747 of title VII of di-
6 vision B of Public Law 118–47, as in effect on Sep-
7 tember 30, 2024” for “section 747 of division E of
8 Public Law 117–328” each place it appears.

9 (b) Subsection (a) shall not take effect until the first
10 day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after
11 January 1, 2025.

12 SEC. 127. Notwithstanding section 104, amounts
13 provided by section 101 to the Department of Homeland
14 Security for “Coast Guard—Procurement, Construction,
15 and Improvements” may be used for closeout costs relat-
16 ing to the C–27J missionization program.

17 SEC. 128. During the period covered by this Act, sec-
18 tion 11223(b)(2) of division K of Public Law 117–263
19 shall be applied by substituting “shall not apply” for
20 “shall apply”.

21 SEC. 129. Amounts made available by section 101 to
22 the Department of Homeland Security under the heading
23 “Federal Emergency Management Agency—Disaster Re-
24 lief Fund” may be apportioned up to the rate for oper-
25 ations necessary to carry out response and recovery activi-

1 ties under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
2 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

3 SEC. 130. In addition to amounts otherwise provided
4 by section 101, for “Federal Emergency Management
5 Agency—Disaster Relief Fund”, there is appropriated
6 \$10,000,000,000, for an additional amount for fiscal year
7 2025, to remain available until expended, of which
8 \$9,500,000,000 shall be for major disasters declared pur-
9 suant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
10 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided*,
11 That such amount is designated by the Congress as being
12 for an emergency requirement pursuant to section
13 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
14 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

15 SEC. 131. Amounts provided by section 101 to the
16 Department of Homeland Security for “United States Se-
17 cret Service—Operations and Support” may be appor-
18 tioned up to the rate for operations necessary to carry out
19 protective operations, including activities related to Na-
20 tional Special Security Events and the 2024 Presidential
21 Campaign.

22 SEC. 132. In addition to amounts otherwise provided
23 by section 101, amounts are provided for “Department of
24 the Interior—National Park Service—Operation of the
25 National Park System” at a rate for operations of

1 \$5,000,000, for an additional amount for security and vis-
2 itor safety activities related to the Presidential Inaugural
3 Ceremonies.

4 SEC. 133. During the period covered by this Act, sec-
5 tion 113 of division G of Public Law 113–76, as amended
6 by Public Law 116–6, shall be applied by substituting
7 “2025” for “2024”.

8 SEC. 134. During the period covered by this Act, sec-
9 tion 8206(b)(2)(C)(ii) of the Agriculture Act of 2014 (16
10 U.S.C. 2113a(b)(2)(C)(ii)) shall be applied by substituting
11 the date that is 1 day after the date specified in section
12 106(3) of this Act for “October 1, 2024”.

13 SEC. 135. (a) In addition to amounts otherwise pro-
14 vided by section 101, amounts are provided for “Depart-
15 ment of Health and Human Services—Indian Health
16 Service—Indian Health Services” at a rate for operations
17 of \$24,262,000, for an additional amount for costs of
18 staffing and operating facilities that were opened, ren-
19 ovated, or expanded in fiscal years 2024 and 2025, and
20 such amounts may be apportioned up to the rate for oper-
21 ations necessary to staff and operate such facilities.

22 (b) In addition to amounts otherwise provided by sec-
23 tion 101, amounts are provided for “Department of
24 Health and Human Services—Indian Health Service—In-
25 dian Health Facilities” at a rate for operations of

1 \$2,060,000, for an additional amount for costs of staffing
2 and operating facilities that were opened, renovated, or ex-
3 panded in fiscal years 2024 and 2025, and such amounts
4 may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary
5 to staff and operate such facilities.

6 SEC. 136. Amounts provided by section 101 for “De-
7 partment of Agriculture—Forest Service—Wildland Fire
8 Management” may be apportioned up to the rate for oper-
9 ations necessary for wildfire suppression activities.

10 SEC. 137. Amounts made available by section 101 for
11 “Domestic Food Programs—Food and Nutrition Serv-
12 ice—Commodity Assistance Program” may be appor-
13 tioned up to the rate for operations necessary to maintain
14 current program caseload in the Commodity Supplemental
15 Food Program.

16 SEC. 138. Amounts provided by section 101 for
17 “Rural Housing Service—Rural Community Facilities
18 Program Account” may be apportioned up to the rate for
19 operations necessary to maintain activities as authorized
20 by section 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the
21 Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

22 SEC. 139. Amounts made available by section 101 for
23 “Farm Service Agency—Agricultural Credit Insurance
24 Fund Program Account” may be apportioned up to the
25 rate for operations necessary to accommodate approved

1 applications for direct and guaranteed farm ownership
2 loans, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1922 et. seq.

3 SEC. 140. Section 260 of the Agricultural Marketing
4 Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1636i) and section 942 of the Live-
5 stock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1635
6 note; Public Law 106–78) shall be applied by substituting
7 the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act for “Sep-
8 tember 30, 2024”.

9 SEC. 141. Amounts made available by section 101 for
10 “Domestic Food Programs—Food and Nutrition Serv-
11 ice—Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,
12 Infants, and Children (WIC)” may be apportioned at the
13 rate for operations necessary to maintain participation.

14 SEC. 142. Notwithstanding any other provision of
15 this joint resolution, there is appropriated:

16 (1) For payment to Beatrice Y. Payne, widow
17 of Donald M. Payne, Jr., late a Representative from
18 the State of New Jersey, \$174,000.

19 (2) For payment to the heirs at law of Sheila
20 Jackson Lee, late a Representative from the State of
21 Texas, \$174,000.

22 (3) For payment to Elsie M. Pascrell, widow of
23 William Pascrell, Jr., late a Representative from the
24 State of New Jersey, \$174,000.

1 SEC. 143. Notwithstanding section 101, section 126
2 of division A of Public Law 118–42 shall be applied by
3 substituting “fiscal year 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020” for
4 “fiscal year 2017, 2018, and 2019”.

5 SEC. 144. (a) Amounts made available by section 101
6 for “Veterans Health Administration—Medical Services”
7 may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary
8 to maintain current program operations including inpa-
9 tient and outpatient care and treatment to beneficiaries
10 of the Department of Veterans Affairs and veterans de-
11 scribed in section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code.

12 (b) Amounts made available by section 101 for “Vet-
13 erans Health Administration — Medical Support and
14 Compliance” may be apportioned up to the rate for oper-
15 ations necessary to maintain administration of medical,
16 hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, supply, construction
17 and research activities authorized by law.

18 SEC. 145. Amounts provided by section 101 for “De-
19 partment of Transportation—Office of the Secretary—
20 Payments to Air Carriers” may be apportioned up to the
21 rate for operations necessary to maintain Essential Air
22 Service program operations.

23 SEC. 146. Notwithstanding section 106 of this Act,
24 for the duration of fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of
25 Housing and Urban Development may use the unobligated

1 balances of amounts made available in prior fiscal years
2 in the second paragraph under the heading “Department
3 of Housing and Urban Development—Public and Indian
4 Housing—Tenant- Based Rental Assistance” to support
5 additional allocations under subparagraph (D) of para-
6 graph (1) and subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) of such
7 heading to prevent the termination of rental assistance for
8 families as a result of insufficient funding in the calendar
9 year 2024 funding cycle: *Provided*, That amounts
10 repurposed pursuant to this section that were previously
11 designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement
12 pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the
13 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
14 1985 are designated by the Congress as being for an emer-
15 gency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of
16 the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act
17 of 1985: *Provided further*, That such amounts shall be
18 available only if the President designates such amounts
19 as an emergency requirement pursuant to section
20 251(b)(2)(A)(i).

21 SEC. 147. (a) Sections 1309(a) and 1319 of the Na-
22 tional Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)
23 and 4026) shall be applied by substituting the date speci-
24 fied in section 106(3) of this Act for “September 30,
25 2024”.

1 (b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), this section shall be-
2 come effective immediately upon enactment of this Act.

3 (2) If this Act is enacted after September 30, 2024,
4 this section shall be applied as if it were in effect on Sep-
5 tember 30, 2024.

6 **DIVISION B—SAVE ACT**

7 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

8 This division may be cited as the “Safeguard Amer-
9 ican Voter Eligibility Act” or the “SAVE Act”.

10 **SEC. 202. ENSURING ONLY CITIZENS ARE REGISTERED TO** 11 **VOTE IN ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.**

12 (a) DEFINITION OF DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF
13 UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.—Section 3 of the National
14 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20502) is
15 amended—

16 (1) by striking “as used” and inserting “(a) IN
17 GENERAL.—As used”; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(b) DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF UNITED STATES
20 CITIZENSHIP.—As used in this Act, the term ‘documen-
21 tary proof of United States citizenship’ means, with re-
22 spect to an applicant for voter registration, any of the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(1) A form of identification issued consistent
25 with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005

1 that indicates the applicant is a citizen of the United
2 States.

3 “(2) A valid United States passport.

4 “(3) The applicant’s official United States mili-
5 tary identification card, together with a United
6 States military record of service showing that the
7 applicant’s place of birth was in the United States.

8 “(4) A valid government-issued photo identifica-
9 tion card issued by a Federal, State or Tribal gov-
10 ernment showing that the applicant’s place of birth
11 was in the United States.

12 “(5) A valid government-issued photo identifica-
13 tion card issued by a Federal, State or Tribal gov-
14 ernment other than an identification described in
15 paragraphs (1) through (4), but only if presented to-
16 gether with one or more of the following:

17 “(A) A certified birth certificate issued by
18 a State, a unit of local government in a State,
19 or a Tribal government which—

20 “(i) was issued by the State, unit of
21 local government, or Tribal government in
22 which the applicant was born;

23 “(ii) was filed with the office respon-
24 sible for keeping vital records in the State;

1 “(iii) includes the full name, date of
2 birth, and place of birth of the applicant;

3 “(iv) lists the full names of one or
4 both of the parents of the applicant;

5 “(v) has the signature of an individual
6 who is authorized to sign birth certificates
7 on behalf of the State, unit of local govern-
8 ment, or Tribal government in which the
9 applicant was born;

10 “(vi) includes the date that the certifi-
11 cate was filed with the office responsible
12 for keeping vital records in the State; and

13 “(vii) has the seal of the State, unit
14 of local government, or Tribal government
15 that issued the birth certificate.

16 “(B) An extract from a United States hos-
17 pital Record of Birth created at the time of the
18 applicant’s birth which indicates that the appli-
19 cant’s place of birth was in the United States.

20 “(C) A final adoption decree showing the
21 applicant’s name and that the applicant’s place
22 of birth was in the United States.

23 “(D) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad
24 of a citizen of the United States or a certifi-
25 cation of the applicant’s Report of Birth of a

1 United States citizen issued by the Secretary of
2 State.

3 “(E) A Naturalization Certificate or Cer-
4 tificate of Citizenship issued by the Secretary of
5 Homeland Security or any other document or
6 method of proof of United States citizenship
7 issued by the Federal government pursuant to
8 the Immigration and Nationality Act.

9 “(F) An American Indian Card issued by
10 the Department of Homeland Security with the
11 classification “KIC”.”.

12 (b) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the National Voter
13 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20503) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection
15 (b)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;

16 (2) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
17 section (c); and

18 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
19 lowing new subsection:

20 “(b) REQUIRING APPLICANTS TO PRESENT DOCU-
21 MENTARY PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.—

22 Under any method of voter registration in a State, the
23 State shall not accept and process an application to reg-
24 ister to vote in an election for Federal office unless the

1 applicant presents documentary proof of United States
2 citizenship with the application.”.

3 (c) REGISTRATION WITH APPLICATION FOR MOTOR
4 VEHICLE DRIVER’S LICENSE.—Section 5 of the National
5 Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20504) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “Each
8 State motor vehicle driver’s license application” and
9 inserting “Subject to the requirements under section
10 8(j), each State motor vehicle driver’s license appli-
11 cation”;

12 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “Each
13 State shall include” and inserting “Subject to the
14 requirements under section 8(j), each State shall in-
15 clude”;

16 (3) in subsection (c)(2)(B)—

17 (A) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the
18 end;

19 (B) in clause (ii), by adding “and” at the
20 end; and

21 (C) by adding at the end the following new
22 clause:

23 “(iii) verify that the applicant is a cit-
24 izen of the United States;”;

1 (4) in subsection (c)(2)(C)(i), by striking “(in-
2 cluding citizenship)” and inserting “, including the
3 requirement that the applicant provides documentary
4 proof of United States citizenship”; and

5 (5) in subsection (c)(2)(D)(iii), by striking “;
6 and” and inserting the following: “, other than as
7 evidence in a criminal proceeding or immigration
8 proceeding brought against an applicant who know-
9 ingly attempts to register to vote and knowingly
10 makes a false declaration under penalty of perjury
11 that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements
12 to register to vote in an election for Federal office;
13 and”.

14 (d) **REQUIRING DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF UNITED**
15 **STATES CITIZENSHIP WITH NATIONAL MAIL VOTER**
16 **REGISTRATION FORM.**—Section 6 of the National Voter
17 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20505) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

19 (A) by striking “Each State shall accept
20 and use” and inserting “Subject to the require-
21 ments under section 8(j), each State shall ac-
22 cept and use”; and

23 (B) by striking “Federal Election Commis-
24 sion” and inserting “Election Assistance Com-
25 mission”;

1 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
2 following: “The chief State election official of a
3 State shall take such steps as may be necessary to
4 ensure that residents of the State are aware of the
5 requirement to provide documentary proof of United
6 States citizenship to register to vote in elections for
7 Federal office in the State.”;

8 (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
10 “and” at the end;

11 (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking the
12 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following new
14 subparagraph:

15 “(C) the person did not provide documen-
16 tary proof of United States citizenship when
17 registering to vote.”; and

18 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
19 section:

20 “(e) ENSURING PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN-
21 SHIP.—

22 “(1) PRESENTING PROOF OF UNITED STATES
23 CITIZENSHIP TO ELECTION OFFICIAL.—An applicant
24 who submits the mail voter registration application
25 form prescribed by the Election Assistance Commis-

1 sion pursuant to section 9(a)(2) or a form described
2 in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) shall not
3 be registered to vote in an election for Federal office
4 unless—

5 “(A) the applicant presents documentary
6 proof of United States citizenship in person to
7 the office of the appropriate election official not
8 later than the deadline provided by State law
9 for the receipt of a completed voter registration
10 application for the election; or

11 “(B) in the case of a State which permits
12 an individual to register to vote in an election
13 for Federal office at a polling place on the day
14 of the election and on any day when voting, in-
15 cluding early voting, is permitted for the elec-
16 tion, the applicant presents documentary proof
17 of United States citizenship to the appropriate
18 election official at the polling place not later
19 than the date of the election.

20 “(2) NOTIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT.—Upon
21 receiving an otherwise completed mail voter registra-
22 tion application form prescribed by the Election As-
23 sistance Commission pursuant to section 9(a)(2) or
24 a form described in paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-
25 section (a), the appropriate election official shall

1 transmit a notice to the applicant of the requirement
2 to present documentary proof of United States citi-
3 zenship under this subsection, and shall include in
4 the notice instructions to enable the applicant to
5 meet the requirement.

6 “(3) ACCESSIBILITY.—Each State shall, in con-
7 sultation with the Election Assistance Commission,
8 ensure that reasonable accommodations are made to
9 allow an individual with a disability who submits the
10 mail voter registration application form prescribed
11 by the Election Assistance Commission pursuant to
12 section 9(a)(2) or a form described in paragraph (1)
13 or (2) of subsection (a) to present documentary
14 proof of United States citizenship to the appropriate
15 election official.”.

16 (e) REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION
17 AGENCIES.—Section 7 of the National Voter Registration
18 Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20506) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) in paragraph (4)(A), by adding at the
21 end the following new clause:

22 “(iv) Receipt of documentary proof of
23 United States citizenship of each applicant
24 to register to vote in elections for Federal
25 office in the State.”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (6)—

2 (i) in subparagraph (A)(i)(I), by strik-
3 ing “(including citizenship)” and inserting
4 “, including the requirement that the ap-
5 plicant provides documentary proof of
6 United States citizenship”; and

7 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph
8 (B) as subparagraph (C); and

9 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
10 (A) the following new subparagraph:

11 “(B) ask the applicant the question, ‘Are
12 you a citizen of the United States?’ and if the
13 applicant answers in the affirmative require
14 documentary proof of United States citizenship
15 prior to providing the form under subparagraph
16 (C);” and

17 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “who are
18 citizens of the United States” after “for persons”.

19 (f) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRA-
20 TION OF VOTER REGISTRATION.—Section 8 of the Na-
21 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20507)
22 is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)—

24 (A) by striking “In the administration of
25 voter registration” and inserting “Subject to

1 the requirements of subsection (j), in the ad-
2 ministration of voter registration”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (3)—

4 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
5 “or” at the end; and

6 (ii) by adding at the end the following
7 new subparagraphs:

8 “(D) based on documentary proof or
9 verified information that the registrant is not a
10 United States citizen; or

11 “(E) the registration otherwise fails to
12 comply with applicable State law;”;

13 (2) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
14 section (l); and

15 (3) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-
16 lowing new subsections:

17 “(j) ENSURING ONLY CITIZENS ARE REGISTERED TO
18 VOTE.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
20 provision of this Act, a State may not register an in-
21 dividual to vote in elections for Federal office held
22 in the State unless, at the time the individual ap-
23 plies to register to vote, the individual provides docu-
24 mentary proof of United States citizenship.

1 “(2) ADDITIONAL PROCESSES IN CERTAIN
2 CASES.—

3 “(A) PROCESS FOR THOSE WITHOUT DOC-
4 UMENTARY PROOF.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to any rel-
6 evant guidance adopted by the Election As-
7 sistance Commission, each State shall es-
8 tablish a process under which an applicant
9 who cannot provide documentary proof of
10 United States citizenship under paragraph
11 (1) may, if the applicant signs an attesta-
12 tion under penalty of perjury that the ap-
13 plicant is a citizen of the United States
14 and eligible to vote in elections for Federal
15 office, submit such other evidence to the
16 appropriate State or local official dem-
17 onstrating that the applicant is a citizen of
18 the United States and such official shall
19 make a determination as to whether the
20 applicant has sufficiently established
21 United States citizenship for purposes of
22 registering to vote in elections for Federal
23 office in the State.

24 “(ii) AFFIDAVIT REQUIREMENT.—If a
25 State or local official makes a determina-

1 tion under clause (i) that an applicant has
2 sufficiently established United States citi-
3 zenship for purposes of registering to vote
4 in elections for Federal office in the State,
5 such determination shall be accompanied
6 by an affidavit developed under clause (iii)
7 signed by the official swearing or affirming
8 the applicant sufficiently established
9 United States citizenship for purposes of
10 registering to vote.

11 “(iii) DEVELOPMENT OF AFFIDAVIT
12 BY THE ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMIS-
13 SION.—The Election Assistance Commis-
14 sion shall develop a uniform affidavit for
15 use by State and local officials under
16 clause (ii), which shall—

17 “(I) include an explanation of the
18 minimum standards required for a
19 State or local official to register an
20 applicant who cannot provide docu-
21 mentary proof of United States citi-
22 zenship to vote in elections for Fed-
23 eral office in the State; and

1 “(II) require the official to ex-
2 plain the basis for registering such
3 applicant to vote in such elections.

4 “(B) PROCESS IN CASE OF CERTAIN DIS-
5 CREPANCIES IN DOCUMENTATION.—Subject to
6 any relevant guidance adopted by the Election
7 Assistance Commission, each State shall estab-
8 lish a process under which an applicant can
9 provide such additional documentation to the
10 appropriate election official of the State as may
11 be necessary to establish that the applicant is
12 a citizen of the United States in the event of a
13 discrepancy with respect to the applicant’s doc-
14 umentary proof of United States citizenship.

15 “(3) STATE REQUIREMENTS.—Each State shall
16 take affirmative steps on an ongoing basis to ensure
17 that only United States citizens are registered to
18 vote under the provisions of this Act, which shall in-
19 clude the establishment of a program described in
20 paragraph (4) not later than 30 days after the date
21 of the enactment of this subsection.

22 “(4) PROGRAM DESCRIBED.—A State may meet
23 the requirements of paragraph (3) by establishing a
24 program under which the State identifies individuals

1 who are not United States citizens using information
2 supplied by one or more of the following sources:

3 “(A) The Department of Homeland Secu-
4 rity through the Systematic Alien Verification
5 for Entitlements (‘SAVE’) or otherwise.

6 “(B) The Social Security Administration
7 through the Social Security Number
8 Verification Service, or otherwise.

9 “(C) State agencies that supply State iden-
10 tification cards or driver’s licenses where the
11 agency confirms the United States citizenship
12 status of applicants.

13 “(D) Other sources, including databases,
14 which provide confirmation of United States
15 citizenship status.

16 “(5) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—At the request of a
18 State election official (including a request re-
19 lated to a process established by a State under
20 paragraph (2)(A) or (2)(B)), any head of a
21 Federal department or agency possessing infor-
22 mation relevant to determining the eligibility of
23 an individual to vote in elections for Federal of-
24 fice shall, not later than 24 hours after receipt
25 of such request, provide the official with such

1 information as may be necessary to enable the
2 official to verify that an applicant for voter reg-
3 istration in elections for Federal office held in
4 the State or a registrant on the official list of
5 eligible voters in elections for Federal office
6 held in the State is a citizen of the United
7 States, which shall include providing the official
8 with such batched information as may be re-
9 quested by the official.

10 “(B) USE OF SAVE SYSTEM.—The Sec-
11 retary of Homeland Security may respond to a
12 request received under paragraph (1) by using
13 the system for the verification of immigration
14 status under the applicable provisions of section
15 1137 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
16 1320b-7), as established pursuant to section
17 121(c) of the Immigration Reform and Control
18 Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–603).

19 “(C) SHARING OF INFORMATION.—The
20 heads of Federal departments and agencies
21 shall share information with each other with re-
22 spect to an individual who is the subject of a
23 request received under paragraph (A) in order
24 to enable them to respond to the request.

1 “(D) INVESTIGATION FOR PURPOSES OF
2 REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
3 rity shall conduct an investigation to determine
4 whether to initiate removal proceedings under
5 section 239 of the Immigration and Nationality
6 Act (8 U.S.C. 1229) if it is determined pursu-
7 ant to subparagraph (A) or (B) that an alien
8 (as such term is defined in section 101 of the
9 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
10 1101)) is unlawfully registered to vote in elec-
11 tions for Federal office.

12 “(E) PROHIBITING FEES.—The head of a
13 Federal department or agency may not charge
14 a fee for responding to a State’s request under
15 paragraph (A).

16 “(k) REMOVAL OF NONCITIZENS FROM REGISTRA-
17 TION ROLLS.—A State shall remove an individual who is
18 not a citizen of the United States from the official list
19 of eligible voters for elections for Federal office held in
20 the State at any time upon receipt of documentation or
21 verified information that a registrant is not a United
22 States citizen.”.

23 (g) CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF STATE TO RE-
24 MOVE NONCITIZENS FROM OFFICIAL LIST OF ELIGIBLE
25 VOTERS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(a)(4) of the Na-
2 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.
3 20507(a)(4)) is amended—

4 (A) by striking “or” at the end of subpara-
5 graph (A);

6 (B) by adding “or” at the end of subpara-
7 graph (B); and

8 (C) by adding at the end the following new
9 subparagraph:

10 “(C) documentary proof or verified infor-
11 mation that the registrant is not a United
12 States citizen;”.

13 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
14 8(c)(2)(B)(i) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
15 20507(c)(2)(B)(i)) is amended by striking “(4)(A)”
16 and inserting “(4)(A) or (C)”.

17 (h) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL
18 MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION FORM.—

19 (1) CONTENTS OF MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION
20 FORM.—Section 9(b) of such Act (52 U.S.C.
21 20508(b)) is amended—

22 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “(in-
23 cluding citizenship)” and inserting “(including
24 an explanation of what is required to present

1 documentary proof of United States citizen-
2 ship)”;

3 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at
4 the end;

5 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
6 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

7 (D) by adding at the end the following new
8 paragraph:

9 “(5) shall include a section, for use only by a
10 State or local election official, to record the type of
11 document the applicant presented as documentary
12 proof of United States citizenship, including the date
13 of issuance, the date of expiration (if any), the office
14 which issued the document, and any unique identi-
15 fication number associated with the document.”.

16 (2) INFORMATION ON MAIL VOTER REGISTRA-
17 TION FORM.—Section 9(b)(4) of such Act (52
18 U.S.C. 20508(b)(4)) is amended—

19 (A) by redesignating clauses (i) through
20 (iii) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respec-
21 tively; and

22 (B) in subparagraph (C) (as so redesign-
23 ated and as amended by paragraph (1)(C)), by
24 striking “; and” and inserting the following: “,
25 other than as evidence in a criminal proceeding

1 or immigration proceeding brought against an
2 applicant who attempts to register to vote and
3 makes a false declaration under penalty of per-
4 jury that the applicant meets the eligibility re-
5 quirements to register to vote in an election for
6 Federal office; and”.

7 (i) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—Sec-
8 tion 11(b)(1) of the National Voter Reg-
9 istration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.
10 20510(b)(1)) is amended by striking “a
11 violation of this Act” and inserting “a vio-
12 lation of this Act, including the act of an
13 election official who registers an applicant
14 to vote in an election for Federal office
15 who fails to present documentary proof of
16 United States citizenship,”.

17 (j) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Section 12(2) of such
18 Act (52 U.S.C. 20511(2)) is amended—

19 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph
20 (A);

21 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-
22 paragraph (D); and

23 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-
24 lowing new subparagraphs:

1 “(B) in the case of an officer or employee
2 of the executive branch, providing material as-
3 sistance to a noncitizen in attempting to reg-
4 ister to vote or vote in an election for Federal
5 office;

6 “(C) registering an applicant to vote in an
7 election for Federal office who fails to present
8 documentary proof of United States citizenship;
9 or”.

10 (k) APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS TO CERTAIN
11 STATES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 4
13 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52
14 U.S.C. 20503), as redesignated by subsection (b), is
15 amended by striking “This Act does not apply to a
16 State” and inserting “Except with respect to the re-
17 quirements under subsection (i) and (j) of section 8
18 in the case of a State described in paragraph (2),
19 this Act does not apply to a State”.

20 (2) PERMITTING STATES TO ADOPT REQUIRE-
21 MENTS AFTER ENACTMENT.—Section 4 of such Act
22 (52 U.S.C. 20503) is amended by adding at the end
23 the following new subsection:

24 “(d) PERMITTING STATES TO ADOPT CERTAIN RE-
25 QUIREMENTS AFTER ENACTMENT.—Subsections (i) and

1 (j) of section 8 shall not apply to a State described in
2 subsection (c)(2) if the State, by law or regulation, adopts
3 requirements which are identical to the requirements
4 under such subsections not later than 60 days prior to
5 the date of the first election for Federal office which is
6 held in the State after the date of the enactment of the
7 SAVE Act.”.

8 **SEC. 203. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION GUIDANCE.**

9 Not later than 10 days after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this division, the Election Assistance Commission
11 shall adopt and transmit to the chief State election official
12 of each State guidance with respect to the implementation
13 of the requirements under the National Voter Registration
14 Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.), as amended by
15 section 202.

16 **SEC. 204. INAPPLICABILITY OF PAPERWORK REDUCTION**
17 **ACT.**

18 Subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 44 (commonly re-
19 ferred to as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”) shall not
20 apply with respect to the development or modification of
21 voter registration materials under the National Voter Reg-
22 istration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.), as
23 amended by section 202, including the development or
24 modification of any voter registration application forms.

1 **SEC. 205. DUTY OF SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY**
2 **TO NOTIFY ELECTION OFFICIALS OF NATU-**
3 **RALIZATION.**

4 Upon receiving information that an individual has be-
5 come a naturalized citizen of the United States, the Sec-
6 retary of Homeland Security shall promptly provide notice
7 of such information to the appropriate chief election offi-
8 cial of the State in which such individual is domiciled.

9 **SEC. 206. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING PROVI-**
10 **SIONAL BALLOTS.**

11 Nothing in this division or in any amendment made
12 by this division may be construed to supercede, restrict,
13 or otherwise affect the ability of an individual to cast a
14 provisional ballot in an election for Federal office or to
15 have the ballot counted in the election if the individual
16 is verified as a citizen of the United States pursuant to
17 section 8(j) of the National Voter Registration Act of
18 1993 (as added by section 202(f)).

19 **SEC. 207. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING EFFECT**
20 **ON STATE EXEMPTIONS FROM OTHER FED-**
21 **ERAL LAWS.**

22 Nothing in this division or in any amendment made
23 by this division may be construed to affect the exemption
24 of a State from any requirement of any Federal law other
25 than the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52
26 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.).

1 **SEC. 208. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 This division and the amendments made by this divi-
3 sion shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this
4 division, and shall apply with respect to applications for
5 voter registration which are submitted on or after such
6 date.