H. R. 653

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 13, 2013

Mr. Al Green of Texas (for himself and Mr. Brady of Pennsylvania) 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 “Students Voicing Opin-
5 ions in Today’s Elections (VOTE) Act”.

SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS PRIOR TO GRADUATION.

(a) Pilot Program.—The Election Assistance Commission (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Commission") shall carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds during fiscal year 2013 to eligible local educational agencies for initiatives to provide information on registering to vote in elections for public office to secondary school students in the 12th grade.

(b) Eligibility.—A local educational agency is eligible to receive funds under the pilot program under this Act if the agency submits to the Commission, at such time and in such form as the Commission may require, an application containing—

(1) a description of the initiatives the agency intends to carry out with the funds;

(2) an estimate of the costs associated with such initiatives; and

(3) such other information and assurances as the Commission may require.

(c) Consultation With Election Officials.—A local educational agency receiving funds under the pilot program shall consult with the State and local election officials who are responsible for administering elections for
public office in the area served by the agency in developing
the initiatives the agency will carry out with the funds.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act, the terms “local edu-
cational agency” and “secondary school” have the mean-
ings given such terms in section 9101 of the Elementary

SEC. 3. REPORTS.

(a) REPORTS BY RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS.—Not later
than the expiration of the 90-day period which begins on
the date of the receipt of the funds, each local educational
agency receiving funds under the pilot program under this
Act shall submit a report to the Commission describing
the initiatives carried out with the funds and analyzing
their effectiveness.

(b) REPORT BY COMMISSION.—Not later than the ex-
piration of the 60-day period which begins on the date
the Commission receives the final report submitted by a
local educational agency under subsection (a), the Com-
mission shall submit a report to Congress on the pilot pro-
gram under this Act.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
as may be necessary to carry out this Act.