

S.1125 ([Student Voter Act](#) – Companion is Schakowsky in House HR1729)

Title: A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for the treatment of institutions of higher education as voter registration agencies.

Sponsor: [Sen Durbin, Richard](#) [IL] (introduced 5/21/2009) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: [H.R.1729](#)

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2009 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUMMARY AS OF:

5/21/2009--Introduced.

Student Voter Opportunity To Encourage Registration Act of 2009 or the Student VOTER Act of 2009 - Amends the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require states to designate federally-funded institutions of higher education as agencies for the registration of voters in federal elections.

Requires such schools to provide mail voter registration application forms to students registering to enroll in their courses.

S 1125 IS

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 21, 2009

Mr. DURBIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to provide for the treatment of institutions of higher education as voter registration agencies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Student Voter Opportunity To Encourage Registration Act of 2009' or the 'Student VOTER Act of 2009'.

SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF UNIVERSITIES AS VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES.

(a) In General- Section 7(a) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg-5(a)) is amended--

(1) in paragraph (2)--

(A) by striking 'and' at the end of subparagraph (A);

(B) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting '; and'; and

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

'(C) each institution of higher education (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) in the State that receives Federal funds.'; and

(2) in paragraph (6)(A), by inserting 'or, in the case of an institution of higher education, with each registration of a student for enrollment in a course of study' after 'assistance,'.

(b) Amendment to Higher Education Act of 1965- Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (23).

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