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H. R. 4026

To prohibit election officials from requiring an individual to provide a photo identification as a condition for voting in an election for Federal office.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2007

Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. LEE, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. WATT, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. NADLER, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. KUCINICH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To prohibit election officials from requiring an individual to provide a photo identification as a condition for voting in an election for Federal office.

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 “Voter Access Protec-
5 tion Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING ELECTION OFFICIALS FROM REQUIR-**
2 **ING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AS CONDITION**
3 **FOR VOTING.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title III of the Help
5 America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15481 et seq.) is
6 amended by inserting after section 303 the following new
7 section:

8 **“SEC. 303A. PROHIBITING ELECTION OFFICIALS FROM RE-**
9 **QUIRING INDIVIDUALS TO PROVIDE PHOTO**
10 **IDENTIFICATION.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An election official may not re-
12 quire an individual to provide a photo identification as a
13 condition for receiving or casting a ballot in any election
14 for Federal office.

15 “(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply
16 with respect to elections occurring after the date of the
17 enactment of the Voter Access Protection Act of 2007.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-
19 FORCEMENT.—Section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 15511)
20 is amended by striking “and 303” and inserting “303, and
21 303A”.

22 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
23 of such Act is amended by inserting after the item relating
24 to section 303 the following:

“Sec. 303A. Prohibiting election officials from requiring individuals to provide photo identification.”.

