AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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In part 1 of subtitle N of title I, add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 1908. MOBILE APPLICATION VOTING USING A**
2 **BLOCKCHAIN NETWORK.**

3 (a) MOBILE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT.—

4 　　(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 240 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this section, the
6 Federal Election Commission shall, in consultation
7 with the Federal Trade Commission, the Attorney
8 General, the Administrator of General Services, and
9 the Director of the National Institute of Standards
10 and Technology, develop a mobile application that,
11 using a blockchain network, allows registered voters,
12 including absent uniformed services voters, to a vote
13 in State and Federal elections.

14 　　(2) CYBERSECURITY.—The Federal Election
15 Commission shall use best practices to manage and
16 mitigate cybersecurity related risks when developing
17 such mobile application.

18 (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—

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1   (1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Election Com-
2   mission shall establish a grant program that shall
3   allow not more than 10 States to use the mobile ap-
4   plication developed under subsection (a) as a means
5   of receiving votes from registered voters, including
6   absent uniformed services voters, in both State and
7   Federal elections during fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

8   (2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a
9   grant under this subsection, a State shall submit an
10   application to the Federal Election Commission at
11   such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
12   formation as the Federal Election Commission may
13   reasonably require.

14   (3) REPORT.—The Federal Election Commis-
15   sion shall, not later than January 1, 2022, submit
16   a report about the use of the mobile application de-
17   veloped under subsection (a) by States under this
18   subsection.

19   (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20   (1) ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICE VOTER.—The
21   term ''absent uniformed service voter'' has the
22   meaning given the term in section 107 of the Uni-
23   formed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

24   (2) BLOCKCHAIN NETWORK.—The term
25   ''blockchain network'' means any system of

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1   networked computers that cooperates to reach con-

2   sensus over the state of a computer program and al-

3   lows users to participate in the consensus-making

4   process without the need to license proprietary soft-

5   ware or obtain permission from any other user. The

6   term includes, specifically, a public network of com-

7   puters that cooperates to reach consensus over the

8   state of a distributed ledger describing transactions

9   in a digital currency.

10   (3) MOBILE APPLICATION.—The term "mobile

11   application" means a software program that runs on

12   the operating system of a cellular telephone, tablet

13   computer, or similar portable computing device that

14   transmits data over a wireless connection.

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