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Page 63, insert after line 8 the following (and redesignate the succeeding sections accordingly):

SEC. 1020. MANDATORY VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER.

No individual may be registered to vote under this part unless the appropriate official provides the individual with a form containing the following information:

(1) A statement for the individual to sign, under penalty of perjury, affirming that the individual understands and meets each of the eligibility requirements for registering to vote in elections for Federal office in the State, including the requirement that the applicant must be a citizen of the United States.

(2) A description of how an applicant for voter registration who knowingly provides false information in the application commits perjury, as well as a description of the specific fine and term of imprisonment that may be imposed on an applicant who commits perjury by providing such false information.
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ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER

SEC. 1081. SHORT TITLE.
This subtitle may be cited as the “Restoring Important Voter Eligibility Requirements to States Act of 2014”.

SEC. 1082. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.
(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

(1) Congress enacted the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.) to promote the rights of citizens of the United States to exercise the fundamental right to vote, as set forth in the findings of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20501(a)).

(2) While the purposes of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20501(b)) include increasing voter registration and voter participation in elections for Federal office, the language does not refer to individuals in general but refers exclusively to “eligible citizens of the United States”.

(3) An additional purpose of such Act is to “protect the integrity of the electoral process” (52 U.S.C. 20501(b)(3)).
(4) Individuals who do not meet the eligibility requirements for voting in elections for Federal office, including individuals who are not citizens of the United States, have been permitted to register to vote in such elections and are presumably casting ballots in such elections.

(5) The participation of ineligible voters in elections for Federal office is in direct conflict with the intent of Congress in enacting the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and with the purpose of such Act.

(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this subtitle to ensure that the procedures for registering individuals to vote in elections for Federal office are consistent with the purposes of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

SEC. 1083. EXPANDED REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTENTS OF VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORMS.

(a) REQUIRING AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENT THAT APPLICANT MEETS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AS CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE.—

(1) FORMS PROVIDED WITH APPLICATION FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER’S LICENSE.—Section 5(e)(2)(C)(ii) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20504(e)(2)(C)(ii)) is amended to read as follows:
“(ii) the applicant must state affirmatively that the applicant meets each such requirement as a condition of the acceptance of the application; and”.

(2) FORMS PROVIDED BY OTHER VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES.—Section 7(a)(6)(A)(i)(II) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20506(a)(6)(A)(i)(II)) is amended to read as follows:

“(II) the applicant must state affirmatively that the applicant meets each such requirement as a condition of the acceptance of the application; and”.

(3) MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS.—Section 303(b)(4)(A) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21083(b)(4)(A)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause (v); and

(B) by inserting after clause (iii) the following new clause:

“(iv) The statement ‘If you do not check ‘yes’ in response to both of these questions, your application will not be accepted.’.”.

(b) INCLUSION OF STATEMENT SPECIFYING PENALTY FOR PERJURY.—
(1) Forms provided with application for 

motor vehicle driver’s license.—Section 5(c)(2)(D) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20504(c)(2)(D)) is amended—

(A) by striking “and” at the end of clause (ii); and

(B) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iv) a statement that an applicant who knowingly provides false information in the application commits perjury, as well as a description of the specific fine and term of imprisonment that may be imposed on an applicant who commits perjury by providing such false information; and”.

(2) Forms provided by other voter registration agencies.—Section 7(a)(6)(A)(i) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20506(a)(6)(A)(i)) is amended—

(A) by striking “and” at the end of subclause (II);

(B) by striking “or” at the end of subclause (III) and inserting “and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subclause:
“(IV) describes how an applicant who knowingly provides false information in the application commits perjury, as well as a description of the specific fine and term of imprisonment that may be imposed on an applicant who commits perjury by providing such false information; or”.

(3) MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS.—Section 303(b)(4)(A) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21083(b)(4)(A)), as amended by subsection (a)(3), is amended—

(A) by redesignating clause (v) as clause (vi); and

(B) by inserting after clause (iv) the following new clause:

“(v) A statement informing the individual that an individual who knowingly provides a false answer to either of these questions commits perjury, as well as a description of the specific fine and term of imprisonment that may be imposed on an individual who commits perjury by providing such a false answer.”.

(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the amendments made by this subsection shall be con-
strued to prohibit the Election Assistance Commiss-

ion or any State or local election official from in-
cluding on a voter registration form any information
regarding any of the sanctions that may be imposed
upon an individual as a result of information the in-
dividual provides on the form.

SEC. 1084. VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY
APPLICANTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION.

(a) REQUIRING STATES TO VERIFY INFORMATION.—

Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993
(52 U.S.C. 20507), as amended by section 1004, is further
amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-
section (l); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (j) the fol-
lowing new subsection:

“(k) VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY
APPLICANTS.—

“(1) VERIFICATION REQUIRED.—A State may
not register an individual to vote in elections for
Federal office in the State, including an individual
who submits the mail voter registration application
form prescribed by the Election Assistance Commiss-

ion pursuant to section 9(a)(2), unless the State
verifies that the information provided by the indi-
vidual in the individual’s application for voter reg-

istration is correct.

“(2) METHODS OF VERIFICATION.—For pur-
poses of paragraph (1), a State may verify the infor-
mation provided by an applicant for voter registra-
tion through such methods as the State considers
appropriate, including requiring the applicant to pro-
vide (at the time of submitting a voter registration
application with an application for a motor vehicle
driver’s license under section 5 or at the time of
submitting any other application form under this
Act) documentary evidence that the applicant meets
the eligibility requirements for voting in elections for
Federal office in the State, including the require-
ment that the applicant is a United States citizen.”.

(b) REQUIRING FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO PROVIDE
INFORMATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 9 of the National
Voter Registration Act (52 U.S.C. 20508), as
amended by section 1003(a)(2), is further amended
by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) ASSISTING ELECTION OFFICIALS WITH
VERIFICATION OF APPLICANT INFORMATION.—

“(1) REQUIRING AGREEMENTS UPON RE-
QUEST.—At the request of the chief State election
official, the head of an office of the Federal govern-
ment shall enter into an agreement with the official
for the purpose of enabling the official to verify in-
formation regarding the eligibility of an applicant
for voter registration in the State to vote in elections
for Federal office in the State.

“(2) DEADLINE FOR ENTERING INTO AGREE-
MENT.—The head of an office of the Federal govern-
ment who receives a request from a chief State elec-
tion official to enter into an agreement under para-
graph (1) shall enter into such an agreement with
the official not later than 30 days after receiving the
request.

“(3) NO EFFECT ON OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—
Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed to af-
fect the requirements of section 8(g) (relating to in-
formation provided by a United States attorney re-
garding offenders) or section 205(r) of the Social
Security Act (relating to agreements with the Com-
misssioner of Social Security for the purpose of
verifying certain information).”.

(2) CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION PRO-
VIDED BY COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY
UNDER EXISTING AUTHORITY.—Section
205(r)(8)(D)(i)(I) of the Social Security Act (42
U.S.C. 405(r)(8)(D)(i)(I)) is amended by striking “the date of birth” and inserting “the location and date of birth”.

SEC. 1085. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this subtitle shall apply with respect to elections occurring after the expiration of the 1-year period which begins on the date of the enactment of this Act.