

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1**  
**OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA**

Page 266, insert after line 5 the following (and re-designate the succeeding provision accordingly):

1 **PART 5—VOTER NOTICE**

2 **SEC. 1941. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This part may be cited as the “Voter Notification of  
4 Timely Information about Changes in Elections Act” or  
5 the “Voter Notice Act”.

6 **SEC. 1942. PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS IN EVENT OF**  
7 **CHANGES IN ELECTIONS IN RESPONSE TO**  
8 **EMERGENCIES.**

9 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS TO  
10 CONDUCT CAMPAIGNS.—Section 302 of the Help America  
11 Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21082), as amended by sec-  
12 tion 1601(a) and section 1901(a), is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-  
14 section (h); and

15 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-  
16 lowing new subsection:

17 “(g) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS IN EVENT OF  
18 CHANGES IN ELECTIONS IN RESPONSE TO EMER-  
19 GENCIES.—

1           “(1) REQUIREMENT.—If the administration of  
2           an election for Federal office, including the methods  
3           of voting or registering to vote in the election, is  
4           changed in response to an emergency affecting pub-  
5           lic health and safety, the appropriate State or local  
6           election official shall conduct a public education  
7           campaign through at least one direct mailing to each  
8           individual who is registered to vote in the election,  
9           and through additional direct mailings, newspaper  
10          advertisements, broadcasting (including through tel-  
11          evision, radio, satellite, and the Internet), and social  
12          media, to notify individuals who are eligible to vote  
13          or to register to vote in the election of the changes.

14          “(2) FREQUENCY AND METHODS OF PROVIDING  
15          INFORMATION.—The election official shall carry out  
16          the public education campaign under this subsection  
17          at such frequency, and using such methods, as will  
18          have the greatest likelihood of providing timely  
19          knowledge of the change in the administration of the  
20          election to those individuals who will be most ad-  
21          versely affected by the change.

22          “(3) LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY.—In the case  
23          of a State or political subdivision that is a covered  
24          State or political subdivision under section 203 of  
25          the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10503),

1 the appropriate election official shall ensure that the  
2 information disseminated under a public education  
3 campaign conducted under this subsection is pro-  
4 vided in the language of the applicable minority  
5 group as well as in the English language, as re-  
6 quired by section 203 of such Act.

7 “(4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall  
8 apply with respect to the regularly scheduled general  
9 election for Federal office held in November 2020  
10 and each succeeding election for Federal office.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EF-  
12 FECTIVE DATE.—Section 302(h) of such Act (52 U.S.C.  
13 21082(h)), as redesignated by subsection (a) and as  
14 amended by section 1601(b) and section 1901(b), is  
15 amended by striking “and (f)(4)” and inserting “(f)(4),  
16 and (g)(4)”.

17 **SEC. 1943. REQUIREMENTS FOR WEBSITES OF ELECTION**  
18 **OFFICIALS.**

19 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Subtitle A of title III of the  
20 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.),  
21 as amended by section 1031(a), section 1101(a), section  
22 1611(a), section 1621(a), section 1622(a), section  
23 1623(a), section 1906(a), section 1907(a), and 1908(a),  
24 is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating sections 313 and 314 as  
2           sections 314 and 315; and

3           (2) by inserting after section 312 the following  
4           new section:

5   **“SEC. 313. REQUIREMENTS FOR WEBSITES OF ELECTION**  
6                           **OFFICIALS.**

7           “(a) ACCESSIBILITY.—Each State and local election  
8           official shall ensure that the official public website of the  
9           official is fully accessible for individuals with disabilities,  
10          including the blind and visually impaired, in a manner  
11          that provides the same opportunity for access and partici-  
12          pation as the website provides for other individuals.

13          “(b) CONTINUING OPERATION IN CASE OF EMER-  
14          GENCIES.—

15                 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF BEST PRACTICES.—

16                         “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the  
17                         National Institute of Standards and Technology  
18                         shall establish and regularly update best prac-  
19                         tices for ensuring the continuing operation of  
20                         the official public websites of State and local  
21                         election officials during emergencies affecting  
22                         public health and safety.

23                         “(B) DEADLINE.—The Director shall first  
24                         establish the best practices required under this  
25                         paragraph as soon as practicable after the date

1 of the enactment of this section, but in no case  
2 later than August 15, 2021.

3 “(2) REQUIRING WEBSITES TO MEET BEST  
4 PRACTICES.—Each State and local election official  
5 shall ensure that the official public website of the of-  
6 ficial is in compliance with the best practices estab-  
7 lished by the Director of the National Institute of  
8 Standards and Technology under paragraph (2).

9 “(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply  
10 with respect to the regularly scheduled general election for  
11 Federal office held in November 2020 and each succeeding  
12 election for Federal office.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO ADOPT-  
14 ION OF VOLUNTARY GUIDANCE BY ELECTION ASSIST-  
15 ANCE COMMISSION.—Section 321(b) of such Act (52  
16 U.S.C. 21101(b)), as redesignated and amended by sec-  
17 tion 1101(b) and section 1611(b), is amended—

18 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
19 (4);

20 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
21 graph (5) and inserting “; and”; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
23 paragraph:

24 “(6) in the case of the recommendations with  
25 respect to section 304, as soon as practicable after

1 the date of the enactment of this paragraph, but in  
2 no case later than August 15, 2021.”.

3 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
4 of such Act, as amended by section 1031(c), section  
5 1101(d), section 1611(c), section 1621(c), section  
6 1622(c), section 1623(a), section 1906(b), section  
7 1907(b), and section 1908(b), is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating the items relating to sec-  
9 tions 313 and 314 as relating to sections 314 and  
10 315; and

11 (2) by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
12 tion 312 the following new item:

“Sec. 313. Requirements for websites of election officials.”.

13 **SEC. 1944. PAYMENTS BY ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMIS-**  
14 **SION TO STATES FOR COSTS OF COMPLI-**  
15 **ANCE.**

16 (b) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS.—Title IX of the  
17 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21141 et seq.)  
18 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

19 **“SEC. 907. PAYMENTS FOR COSTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH**  
20 **CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO PUB-**  
21 **LIC NOTIFICATION.**

22 “(a) PAYMENTS.—

23 “(1) AVAILABILITY AND USE OF PAYMENTS.—  
24 The Commission shall make a payment to each eligi-  
25 ble State to cover the costs the State incurs or ex-

1       pects to incur in meeting the requirements of section  
2       302(g) (relating to public education campaigns in  
3       event of changes in elections in response to emer-  
4       gencies) and section 313 (relating to requirements  
5       for the websites of election officials).

6               “(2) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS.—As soon as  
7       practicable after the date of the enactment of this  
8       section, and not less frequently than once each cal-  
9       endar year thereafter, the Commission shall make  
10      payments under this section.

11              “(3) ADMINISTRATION OF PAYMENTS.—The  
12      chief State election official of the State shall receive  
13      the payment made to a State under this section, and  
14      may use the payment for the purposes set forth in  
15      this section without intervening action by the legisla-  
16      ture of the State.

17              “(b) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—

18              “(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a payment  
19      made to an eligible State for a year under this sec-  
20      tion shall be determined by the Commission on the  
21      basis of the information provided by the State in its  
22      application under subsection (c).

23              “(2) CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS  
24      AFTER APPROPRIATION.—A payment made to an eli-

1       gible State under this section shall be available with-  
2       out fiscal year limitation.

3       “(c) REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY.—

4               “(1) APPLICATION.—Each State that desires to  
5       receive a payment under this section for a fiscal year  
6       shall submit an application for the payment to the  
7       Commission at such time and in such manner and  
8       containing such information as the Commission shall  
9       require.

10              “(2) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—Each appli-  
11       cation submitted under paragraph (1) shall—

12                      “(A) describe the activities for which as-  
13       sistance under this section is sought; and

14                      “(B) provide an estimate of the costs the  
15       State has incurred or expects to incur in car-  
16       rying out the provisions described in subsection  
17       (a), together with such additional information  
18       and certifications as the Commission deter-  
19       mines to be essential to ensure compliance with  
20       the requirements of this section.

21       “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
22       are authorized to be appropriated for payments under this  
23       section such sums as may be necessary for each of the  
24       fiscal years 2022 through 2025.

25       “(e) REPORTS.—



1           “(1) REPORTS BY RECIPIENTS.—Not later than  
2           the 6 months after the end of each fiscal year for  
3           which an eligible State received a payment under  
4           this section, the State shall submit a report to the  
5           Commission on the activities conducted with the  
6           funds provided during the year.

7           “(2) REPORTS BY COMMISSION TO COMMIT-  
8           TEES.—With respect to each fiscal year for which  
9           the Commission makes payments under this section,  
10          the Commission shall submit a report on the activi-  
11          ties carried out under this part to the Committee on  
12          House Administration of the House of Representa-  
13          tives and the Committee on Rules and Administra-  
14          tion of the Senate.”.

15          (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
16          of such Act is amended by adding at the end of the items  
17          relating to title IX the following:

“Sec. 907. Payments for costs of compliance with certain requirements relating  
to public notification”.

