For the People Act (H.R. 1/S. 1)

Election Administration Reforms
Modernizing Voter Registration

- Online voter registration (Title I, Subtitle A, Part 1)
- Automatic voter registration (Title I, Subtitle A, Part 2)
- Same-day registration (Title I, Subtitle A, Part 3)
- Pre-registration of minors (Title I, Subtitle A, Part 10)
- Purge protections (Title I, Subtitle A, Part 4, Title II, Subtitle F)
Automatic Voter Registration

19 states + D.C.

Key features:

● Available at broad array of government offices:
  – DMVs, social service agencies, educational agencies, federal agencies
● Notice and opportunity to opt out provided before registration
● No paper forms; data transmitted electronically
● Strong security and privacy protections, and protections against innocent mistakes
● One-time “look back” to register those eligible citizens already on applicable lists

Key benefits:

● Increased registration and turnout. Convenience.
● Increased security and accuracy of the rolls. Reduced costs.
Other Voter Registration Reforms

Online registration: (40 states + D.C.)
- Application can be completed, submitted and received by election officials electronically
- Voters can review and update registration online
- Available to voters without DMV signatures

Same-day registration: (21 states + D.C.)
- Available during early voting and on Election Day

Pre-registration: (23 states + D.C.)
- Citizens can pre-register at 16 and 17. Registration will be made active at 18.

Purge protections:
- Prohibits purges based on unreliable evidence (including failure to vote)
- Requires notice and opportunity to contest removal
Expanding Voting Options

- Early voting (Title I, Subtitle H)
- Voting by mail (Title I, Subtitle I)
- Polling place access (Title I, Subtitle N)
- Provisional ballots (Title I, Subtitle G)
Early Voting

- 43 states + D.C.

- **Key elements:**
  - 2 weeks, including weekends
  - 10 hours per day, including early mornings or evenings
  - Sites must be accessible by public transportation and to rural voters
Voting By Mail

- No excuse required (33 states 2019; 45 2020)
- Removes barriers to casting mail ballot
  - No notary, witness, documentary ID
- Makes it easier to obtain and cast mail ballot
  - Request by mail, online, or by phone
  - Prepaid postage
  - Secure drop boxes
  - Polling place drop off
Voting By Mail, continued

- Protects groups with particular barriers
  - Voters with disabilities
  - Native American voters
  - Military and overseas voters

- Reduces barriers to ballot counting
  - Notice and opportunity to cure
  - Ballots mailed before but arriving after Election Day

- Prevents counting delays
  - Requires states to begin counting absentee and early votes 2 weeks before Election Day
Access to Polling Places

● Prevent long lines
  – Wait times may not exceed 30 minutes
  – Equitable allocation of election resources
● Prohibit restrictions on curbside voting
● Sworn affidavits for voters without IDs
● Provisional ballots count for all contests for which voter is eligible
● Enhances access for people with disabilities
Election Security

- Replace paperless systems (needed in 6 states)
- Vendor oversight
  - Certification that equipment and services meet security best practices; compliance with EAC standards
  - Report cybersecurity incidents
  - Permit DHS and EAC to conduct independent security testing
- Risk-limiting audits
- Security standards for electronic poll books
Election Administration Funding

- Authorizes funding to the states for:
  - Voter registration modernization provisions, including AVR
  - Mail voting provisions, including absentee ballot tracking program
  - Ensuring access for individuals with disabilities
  - Poll worker recruitment and training
  - Voting system and election infrastructure upgrades
  - Risk-limiting audits
- Permanently authorizes EAC budget
Key Election Administration Reforms to Enhance Voting Rights

- Restoring full protections of the Voting Rights Act
- Restoring voting rights to individuals with past criminal convictions
- Strengthening protections against and remedies for voter intimidation and deceptive practices
- Expanding protections for Native American voting rights
- Strengthen protections against voter disenfranchisement from voter challenges, voter caging, and other tactics
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