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S. 2226

To require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WELLSTONE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

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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 “Same Day Voter Reg-
5 istration Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION.**

7 (a) REQUIRING STATES TO PERMIT VOTER REG-
8 ISTRATION ON DATE OF ELECTION.—

9 (1) DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES AS
10 VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES.—Section 7(a)(2)

1 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42
2 U.S.C. 1973gg-5(a)(2)) is amended—

3 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
4 paragraph (A);

5 (B) by striking the period at the end of
6 subparagraph (B) and inserting “; and”; and

7 (C) by adding at the end the following new
8 subparagraph:

9 “(C) each polling place in the State at
10 which ballots are cast in an election for Federal
11 office which is not otherwise designated as a
12 voter registration agency under subparagraph
13 (A) or (B) or paragraph (3).”.

14 (2) SPECIAL RULES.—Section 7(a) of such Act
15 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg-5(a)) is amended by adding at
16 the end the following new paragraph:

17 “(8) In the case of a polling place at which bal-
18 lots are cast in an election for Federal office which
19 is designated as a voter registration agency, the fol-
20 lowing rules shall apply:

21 “(A) At the option of the State, the polling
22 place shall serve as a voter registration agency
23 only on the date of the election.

24 “(B) On the date of the election, the poll-
25 ing place may not make services available under

1 this section to any eligible applicant who does
2 not cast a ballot at the polling place on such
3 date.

4 “(C) Clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of para-
5 graph (6)(B) shall not apply with respect to
6 any forms distributed by the polling place on
7 the date of the election.”.

8 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
9 8(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973gg-6(a)(1)) is
10 amended—

11 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking
12 “agency,” and inserting “agency (other than an
13 agency subject to subparagraph (D)),”;

14 (B) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
15 paragraph (C);

16 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as
17 subparagraph (E); and

18 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
19 the following new subparagraph:

20 “(D) in the case of registration on the date
21 of the election at a polling place designated as
22 a voter registration agency under paragraph
23 (2)(C), if the valid voter registration form of
24 the applicant is accepted at the polling place;
25 and”.

1 (b) TRANSMITTAL OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO
2 STATE ELECTION OFFICIAL.—Section 7(d) of the Na-
3 tional Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg-
4 5(d)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph
6 (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3)”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new
8 paragraph:

9 “(3) In the case of a registration application ac-
10 cepted on the date of an election by a voter registra-
11 tion agency described in paragraph (2)(C), the agen-
12 cy shall transmit the application to the appropriate
13 State election official at the time the agency trans-
14 mits the ballots cast in the election to the official.”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall apply with respect to the regularly sched-
17 uled general election for Federal office held during No-
18 vember 2002 and each subsequent election for Federal of-
19 fice.

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