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H. R. 1223

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 1997

Mr. SHAYS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. CHANGE IN NATURALIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

4 **FOR CERTAIN OLDER INDIVIDUALS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 312(b) of the Immigra-
6 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1423(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “334,” and all
2 that follows through the period at the end and in-
3 serting “334, is over sixty-five years of age and has
4 been living in the United States for periods totaling
5 at least five years subsequent to a lawful admission
6 for permanent residence.”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “and has been
8 living” and all that follows through “residence.” and
9 inserting a period.

10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
11 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act and shall apply to applications for natu-
13 ralization filed on or after such date.

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