

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6429

To amend the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to authorize candidates in a presidential election campaign to request a security clearance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mr. JEFFRIES, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to authorize candidates in a presidential election campaign to request a security clearance.

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 “Protecting Access to
5 Classified Information in Elections Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR CANDIDATES DURING**
2 **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Intelligence Reform and Ter-
4 rorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–458; 118
5 Stat. 3856) is amended by inserting after section 7601
6 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 7602. SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR CANDIDATES DUR-**
8 **ING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

9 “(a) SECURITY CLEARANCE.—An eligible candidate
10 may request a security clearance.

11 “(b) PROCEDURES.—To the extent practicable pursu-
12 ant to existing procedures and requirements, the appro-
13 priate agencies and departments of the Federal Govern-
14 ment shall expeditiously provide the necessary background
15 investigations and eligibility determinations with respect
16 to a request for a security clearance by an eligible can-
17 didate under subsection (a).

18 “(c) DISCLOSURE.—

19 “(1) LIST.—Beginning not later than January
20 1 of each year in which a presidential election is
21 held, the Director shall maintain on a publicly acces-
22 sible internet website of the Office of the Director of
23 National Intelligence a list of each eligible candidate
24 who—

25 “(A) is granted a security clearance pursu-
26 ant to a request under subsection (a); and

“Sec. 7602. Security clearances for candidates during presidential election campaigns.”.