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# H. R. 1990

To authorize a project to demonstrate the feasibility of voting by telephone.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 1993

Mr. RICHARDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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by telephone.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) perfecting voting by telephone would greatly  
6 enhance voter participation; and

7 (2) the national laboratories have the tech-  
8 nology to monitor the results of telephone voting and  
9 to ensure the security of the process.

1 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

2 The Federal Election Commission shall make a grant  
3 to a consortium described in section 4 for the purpose of  
4 conducting a project to demonstrate the feasibility of vot-  
5 ing by telephone.

6 **SEC. 3. MATTERS TO BE ADDRESSED.**

7 A demonstration project under section 2 shall explore  
8 the following areas of interest:

9 (1) Ensuring that each voter votes only once  
10 and that the vote is tallied, stored, and reported  
11 correctly.

12 (2) Ensuring the anonymity of the voter by  
13 means of a confidential but simple method to iden-  
14 tify each voter.

15 (3) Ensuring that the system cannot be  
16 accessed by outsiders or insiders for the purpose of  
17 changing votes.

18 (4) Ensuring that the system remains accessible  
19 and secure to callers throughout the voting period.

20 (5) Ensuring the encryption of voters' choices  
21 to minimize fraud.

22 (6) Exploring future security options, such as  
23 the use of voice biometrics for voter identification.

24 (7) Studying the effect of telephone voting on  
25 participation rates.

1 **SEC. 4. CONSORTIUM.**

2 A consortium referred to in section 2 is a consortium  
3 that includes a State government and one or more of the  
4 national laboratories.

5 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 There are authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000  
7 to carry out this Act.

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