

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 351

To amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to eliminate certain provisions relating to bilingual voting requirements.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 1995

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

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## 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 “Bilingual Voting Re-  
5 quirements Repeal Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF BILINGUAL VOTING REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) BILINGUAL ELECTION REQUIREMENTS.—Section  
8 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973aa-  
9 1a) is repealed.

1 (b) VOTING RIGHTS.—Section 4 of the Voting Rights  
2 Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973b) is amended by striking  
3 subsection (f).

4 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

5 (a) REFERENCES TO SECTION 203.—The Voting  
6 Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.) is amended—

7 (1) in section 204, by striking “or 203,”; and

8 (2) in the first sentence of section 205, by  
9 striking “, 202, or 203” and inserting “or 202”.

10 (b) REFERENCES TO SECTION 4.— The Voting  
11 Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.) is amended—

12 (1) in sections 2(a), 3(a), 3(b), 3(c), 4(d), 5, 6,  
13 and 13, by striking “, or in contravention of the  
14 guarantees set forth in section 4(f)(2)”;

15 (2) in paragraphs (1)(A) and (3) of section  
16 4(a), by striking “or (in the case of a State or sub-  
17 division seeking a declaratory judgment under the  
18 second sentence of this subsection) in contravention  
19 of the guarantees of subsection (f)(2)”;

20 (3) in paragraphs (1)(B) and (5) of section  
21 4(a), by striking “or (in the case of a State or sub-  
22 division which sought a declaratory judgment under  
23 the second sentence of this subsection) that denials  
24 or abridgments of the right to vote in contravention  
25 of the guarantees of subsection (f)(2) have occurred

1 anywhere in the territory of such State or subdivi-  
2 sion”.

