

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1702

To require institutions of higher education to provide voter registration information and opportunities to students registering for class, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 1996

Mr. BINGAMAN 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 “Student Voter Reg-
5 istration Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is—

8 (1) to increase voter registration accessibility to
9 students; and

1 (2) to increase voter participation among col-
2 lege and university students.

3 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION**

4 **ACT OF 1993.**

5 Section 7(a) of the National Voter Registration Act
6 of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg-5(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (2)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
9 “and”;

10 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
11 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following new
13 subparagraph:

14 “(C) each institution of higher education
15 (as defined in section 1201(a) of the Higher
16 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1141(a)) in
17 that State that—

18 “(i) receives Federal funds; and

19 “(ii) provides a 2-year or 4-year pro-
20 gram of instruction for which the institu-
21 tion awards an associate, baccalaureate, or
22 graduate degree.”; and

23 (2) in paragraph (6)(A), by inserting “or, in
24 the case of an institution of higher education, with

1 each registration of a student for enrollment in a
2 course of study,” after “assistance,”.

3 **SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION.**

4 Institutions of higher education shall implement the
5 requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of
6 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg et seq.) as amended by this
7 Act—

8 (1) in the case of an institution with enrollment
9 of not less than 10,000 students on the date of en-
10 actment of this Act, by 1997;

11 (2) in the case of an institution with enrollment
12 of not less than 5,000 and not more than 9,999 stu-
13 dents on the date of enactment of this Act, by Janu-
14 ary 1, 1998;

15 (3) in the case of an institution with enrollment
16 of not less than 2,000 and not more than 4,999 stu-
17 dents on the date of enactment of this Act, by Janu-
18 ary 1, 1999; and

19 (4) in the case of an institution with enrollment
20 of less than 2,000 students on the date of enactment
21 of this Act, by January 1, 2000.

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