

UNIFORM STATE AMERICAN CONFIDENCE IN ELECTIONS ACT
Model State Election Integrity Legislation

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SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this Act:

(1) The term ‘[XX] election’ means any election for public office (including primaries) in the State of [XX], including an election for Federal office, an election for State office, an election for local office, and any public election that includes voting on constitutional amendments, ballot initiatives, or referenda;

(2) The term ‘chief State election official’ means the individual designated by the State of [XX] under section 10 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20509) to be responsible for the coordination of the State’s responsibilities under such Act;

(3) The term ‘nonvoting election technology’ means technology used in the administration of elections which is not used directly in the casting, counting, tabulating, or collecting of ballots or votes, including each of the following:

(A) Electronic poll books or other systems used to check in voters at a polling place or verify a voter’s identification.

(B) Election result reporting systems.

(C) Electronic ballot delivery systems.

(D) Online voter registration systems.

(E) Polling place location search systems.

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(H) Such other technology as may be recommended for treatment as nonvoting election technology by the relevant State of [XX] agency.

1 **SEC. 102. REQUIREMENTS FOR PHOTO IDENTIFICATION**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Uniform State American
3 Confidence in Elections: Photo Identification Requirement Act.”

4 (b) REQUIRING PROVISION OF IDENTIFICATION TO RECEIVE A BALLOT OR VOTE.—

5 (1) INDIVIDUALS VOTING IN PERSON.—A [XX] election official may not provide a
6 ballot for a [XX] election to an individual who desires to vote in person unless the
7 individual presents to the official an identification described in paragraph (3).

8 (2) INDIVIDUALS VOTING OTHER THAN IN PERSON.—A [XX] election official may
9 not provide a ballot for a [XX] election to an individual who desires to vote other than in
10 person unless the individual submits with the application for the ballot a copy of an
11 identification described in paragraph (3).

12 (3) IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—An identification described in this paragraph is,
13 with respect to an individual, any of the following:

14 (A) A current and valid motor vehicle license issued by the State of [XX]
15 or any other current and valid photo identification of the individual which is
16 issued by the State of [XX] or the identification number for such motor vehicle
17 license or photo identification.

18 (B) A current and valid United States passport, a current and valid military
19 photo identification, or any other current and valid photo identification of the
20 individual which is issued by the Federal government.

21 (C) Any current and valid photo identification of the individual which is
22 issued by a Tribal Government.

23 (D) A student photo identification issued by a secondary school (as such
24 term is defined by the laws of the State of [XX]) or an institution of higher
25 education (as such term is defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of
26 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)).

27 (E) The last 4 digits of the individual’s social security number.

28 (4) ENSURING PROOF OF RESIDENCE.—If an individual presents or submits an
29 identification described in paragraph (3) which does not include the address of the
30 individual’s residence, the [XX] election official may not provide a ballot to the
31 individual unless the individual presents or submits a document or other written
32 information from a third party which—

33 (A) provides the address of the individual’s residence; and

34 (B) such document or other written information is of sufficient validity
35 such that the election official is reasonably certain as to the identity of the
36 individual.

37 (c) PROVISION OF IDENTIFICATION WITHOUT COST TO INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS.—If the
38 State of [XX] charges an individual a fee for an identification described in subsection (b)(3)(A)
39 and the individual provides an attestation that the individual is unable to afford the fee, the State
40 of [XX] shall provide a valid photo identification that satisfies subsection (b)(3)(A) to the
41 individual at no cost.

42 (1) DESIGNATION OF [XX] AGENCY TO PROVIDE COPIES OF IDENTIFICATION.—
43 The Governor of the State of [XX] shall designate an agency of the [XX] government to
44 provide such an individual with a copy of an identification described in subsection
45 (b)(3)(A) at no cost to the individual for the purposes of meeting the requirements under
46 subsection (b)(1) and subsection (b)(2).

1 (d) SPECIAL RULE WITH RESPECT TO SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.—In the case
2 of an individual who is unable to comply with the requirements of subsection (b) due to sincerely
3 held religious beliefs, a State of [XX] election official may not provide a ballot to the individual
4 unless the individual presents a document or other written information from a third party
5 which—

6 (1) provides the address of the individual’s residence; and

7 (2) such document or other written information is of sufficient validity such that
8 the election official is reasonably certain as to the identity of the individual.

9 (e) INCLUSION OF PHOTOS IN POLL BOOKS.—

10 (1) METHODS FOR OBTAINING PHOTOS.—

11 (A) PROVISION OF PHOTOS BY OFFICES OF THE [XX] GOVERNMENT.—If any
12 office of the [XX] government has a photograph or digital image of the likeness
13 of an individual who is eligible to vote in a [XX] election, the office, in
14 consultation with the chief State election official of the State of [XX], shall
15 provide access to the photograph or digital image to the chief State election
16 official of the State of [XX].

17 (B) TAKING OF PHOTOS AT POLLING PLACE.—If a photograph or digital
18 image of an individual who votes in person at a polling place is not included in
19 the poll book which contains the names of the individuals who are eligible to vote
20 in the [XX] election and which is used by election officials to provide ballots to
21 such eligible individuals, the appropriate election official shall take a photograph
22 of the individual and provide access to the photograph to the chief State election
23 official of the State of [XX].

24 (C) COPIES OF PHOTOS PROVIDED BY INDIVIDUALS NOT VOTING IN
25 PERSON.—The election official who receives a copy of an identification described
26 in subsection (b)(3) which is submitted by an individual who desires to vote other
27 than in person at a polling place shall provide access to the copy of the
28 identification to the chief State election official of the State of [XX].

29 (2) INCLUSION IN POLL BOOKS.—The chief State election official of the State of
30 [XX] shall ensure that the most recently available photograph, digital image, or copy of
31 an identification for which access is provided under paragraph (1) is included in the poll
32 book which contains the names of the individuals who are eligible to vote in the [XX]
33 election and which is used by election officials to provide ballots to such eligible
34 individuals.

35 (3) PROTECTION OF PRIVACY OF VOTERS.—The appropriate election officials of the
36 State of [XX] shall ensure that any photograph, digital image, or copy of an identification
37 which is included in a poll book under this subsection is not used for any purpose other
38 than the administration of a [XX] election and is not provided or otherwise made
39 available to any other person except as may be necessary to carry out that purpose.

40 (4) SPECIAL RULE WITH RESPECT TO SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.—In the
41 case of an individual who is unable to comply with the requirements of subsection (e) due
42 to sincerely held religious beliefs, the State of [XX] shall deem such individual to meet
43 the requirements of subsection (e) upon the individual’s provision of the alternative
44 information described in subsection (d) to an election official. Compliance via this
45 subsection shall be noted in the poll book and satisfy the requirements under subsection
46 (e) for future elections.

- 1 (f) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not apply with respect to any individual who is—
2 (1) entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens
3 Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq.);
4 (2) provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under section 3(b)(2)(B)(ii)
5 of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (52 U.S.C.
6 20102(b)(2)(B)(ii)); or
7 (3) entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any Federal law.
8 (g) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:
9 (2) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term ‘Tribal Government’ means the governing
10 body of an Indian Tribe as recognized by a State government or the Federal government.
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12 **SEC. 103. REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION.**

13 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Uniform State American
14 Confidence in Elections: State Voter List Improvement Act.”

15 (b) ANNUAL LIST MAINTENANCE.—

16 (1) REQUIREMENTS.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—The State of [XX] shall annually carry out a program
18 pursuant to the procedures described in paragraph (B) to remove ineligible
19 persons from the official list of persons registered to vote in [XX] elections.

20 (B) REMOVAL FROM VOTER ROLLS.—In the case of a registrant from the
21 official list of eligible voters for a [XX] election who has failed to vote in a [XX]
22 election during a period of 2 consecutive years, the State of [XX] shall send to
23 such registrant a notice by mail and either telephone, text message, or electronic
24 mail, if available, and shall remove the registrant from the official list of eligible
25 voters for a [XX] election if the registrant—

26 (i) confirms in writing that the registrant has changed residence to
27 a place outside the registrar’s jurisdiction in which the registrant is
28 registered; or

29 (ii) has failed to respond to a notice described in paragraph (C) and
30 has not voted or appeared to vote (and, if necessary, correct the registrar’s
31 record of the registrant’s address) in an election during the period
32 beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the date of
33 the second general election for Federal office that occurs after the date of
34 the notice.

35 (C) NOTICE DEFINED.— A notice as described in this section is a postage
36 prepaid and pre-addressed return card, sent by forwardable mail, on which the
37 registrant may state his or her current address, together with a notice to the
38 following effect:

39 (i) If the registrant did not change his or her residence, or changed
40 residence but remained in the registrar’s jurisdiction, the registrant should
41 return the card not later than the time provided for mail voter registration
42 under [XX] law. If the card is not returned, affirmation or confirmation of
43 the registrant’s address may be required before the registrant is permitted
44 to vote in a [XX] election during the period beginning on the date of the
45 notice and ending on the day after the date of the second general election
46 for Federal office that occurs after the date of the notice, and if the

1 registrant does not vote in an election during that period the registrant’s
2 name will be removed from the list of eligible voters.

3 (ii) If the registrant has changed residence to a place outside the
4 registrar’s jurisdiction in which the registrant is registered, information
5 concerning how the registrant can continue to be eligible to vote.

6 (2) TIMING.—In the case of a year during which a regularly scheduled [XX]
7 election is held, the State of [XX] shall carry out the program described in paragraph (1)
8 not later than 90 days prior to the date of the election.

9 (3) NON-CITIZEN REGISTRANTS.—Non-citizen registrants shall be removed from
10 the official list of persons registered to vote in [XX] elections immediately upon
11 discovery of such an individual’s registration.

12 (c) PROHIBITING SAME-DAY REGISTRATION.—The State of [XX] shall not permit an
13 individual to vote in a [XX] election unless, not later than 30 days prior to the date of the
14 election, the individual is duly registered to vote in the election.

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16 **SEC. 104. BAN ON COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION OF BALLOTS BY CERTAIN**
17 **THIRD PARTIES.**

18 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Uniform State American
19 Confidence in Elections: Ballot Harvesting Prohibition Act.”

20 (b) IN GENERAL.—The State of [XX] may not permit an individual to knowingly collect
21 or transmit a ballot in a [XX] election that was mailed to another person, other than an individual
22 described as follows:

23 (1) An election official while engaged in official duties as authorized by law.

24 (2) An employee of the United States Postal Service or other commercial common
25 carrier engaged in similar activities while engaged in duties related to that employment
26 and authorized by law.

27 (3) Any other individual who is allowed by law to collect and transmit United
28 States mail, while engaged in official duties as authorized by law.

29 (4) A family member, household member, or caregiver of the person to whom the
30 ballot was mailed.

31 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, with respect to a person to whom the
32 ballot was mailed:

33 (1) The term ‘caregiver’ means an individual who provides medical or health care
34 assistance to such person in a residence, nursing care institution, hospice facility, assisted
35 living center, assisted living facility, assisted living home, residential care institution,
36 adult day health care facility, or adult foster care home, except that such term does not
37 include an individual who is an employee of the residence, nursing care institution,
38 hospice facility, assisted living home, residential care institution, adult day health care
39 facility, or adult foster care home in which the individual provides such assistance to such
40 person.

41 (2) The term ‘family member’ means an individual who is related to such person
42 by blood, marriage, adoption, or legal guardianship.

43 (3) The term ‘household member’ means an individual who resides at the same
44 residence as such person.

1 **SEC. 105. TIMELY PROCESSING AND REPORTING OF RESULTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Uniform State American
3 Confidence in Elections: Election Results Reporting Act.”

4 (b) TIME FOR PROCESSING BALLOTS AND REPORTING RESULTS.—The State of [XX] shall
5 begin processing (as defined by the laws of the State of [XX]) ballots received by mail in a [XX]
6 election as soon as such ballots are received and shall ensure that the unofficial results of such
7 [XX] election are reported to the public not later than 12 hours after the closing of polls on
8 election day, but in no case shall such ballots be tabulated or such results be reported earlier than
9 the closing of polls on election day.

10 (c) REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH NUMBER OF VOTED BALLOTS ON ELECTION DAY.—The
11 State of [XX] shall, as soon as practicable after the closing of polls on election day, make
12 available on a publicly accessible website the total number of voted ballots in the possession of
13 election officials in the State of [XX] as of the time of the closing of polls on election day, which
14 shall include, as of such time—

15 (1) the number of voted ballots delivered by mail;

16 (2) the number of ballots requested for such election by individuals who are
17 entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee
18 Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq.); and

19 (3) the number of voted ballots for such election received from individuals who
20 are entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens
21 Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301 et seq.), including from individuals who, under
22 such Act, voted by absentee ballot without requesting such a ballot with a notation that,
23 pursuant to Federal law, such ballots do not have to be requested.

24 (d) REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE BIPARTISAN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITY.—
25 With respect to a [XX] election, [XX] election officials shall ensure that all activities are carried
26 out in a bipartisan manner, which shall include a requirement that, in the case of an election
27 worker who enters a room which contains ballots, voting equipment, or nonvoting election
28 technology as any part of the election worker’s duties to carry out such election, the election
29 worker is accompanied by an individual registered to vote or otherwise affiliated with a different
30 political party or unrecognized political organization than such election worker.

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32 **SEC. 106. BAN ON NON-CITIZEN VOTING.**

33 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Uniform State American
34 Confidence in Elections: Non-Citizen Voting Prohibition Act.”

35 (b) BAN ON NON-CITIZEN VOTING.—No individual may vote in a [XX] election unless
36 the individual is a citizen of the United States.

37
38 **SEC. 107. REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PROVISIONAL BALLOTS.**

39 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Uniform State American
40 Confidence in Elections: Provisional Ballots Requirements Act.”

41 (b) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (c), the State of [XX] shall permit an
42 individual to cast a provisional ballot if—

43 (1) the individual declares that such individual is a registered voter in the State of
44 [XX] and is eligible to vote in a [XX] election but the name of the individual does not
45 appear on the official list of eligible voters for the polling place or an election official
46 asserts that the individual is not eligible to vote; or

1 (2) the individual declares that such individual is a registered voter in the State of
2 [XX] and is eligible to vote in a [XX] election but does not provide an identification
3 required under section 102 of this Act, except that the individual's provisional ballot shall
4 not be counted in the election unless the individual provides such identification to an
5 election official of the State of [XX] not later than 5:00 p.m. (local time) on the second
6 day which begins after election day.

7 (c) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO COUNTING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS IN CERTAIN
8 CASES.—If the name of an individual who is a registered voter in the State of [XX] and eligible
9 to vote in a [XX] election appears on the official list of eligible voters for a polling place in the
10 State of [XX], such individual may cast a provisional ballot for such election at a polling place
11 other than the polling place with respect to which the name of the individual appears on the
12 official list of eligible voters, except that the individual's provisional ballot shall not be counted
13 in the election unless the individual demonstrates that the individual is a registered voter in the
14 jurisdiction of the polling place at which the individual cast such a ballot as follows—

15 (1) Upon the execution of a written affirmation by the individual before an
16 election official at the polling place stating that the individual is a registered voter in the
17 jurisdiction of the polling place at which the individual desires to vote and is eligible to
18 vote in that election.

19 (2) An election official at such polling place shall transmit the ballot cast by the
20 individual and the voter information contained in the written affirmation executed by the
21 individual under paragraph (c)(1) to an appropriate State or local election official for
22 prompt verification under paragraph (c)(3).

23 (3) If the appropriate State or local election official to whom the ballot or voter
24 information is transmitted under paragraph (c)(2) determines that the individual is
25 eligible under State law to vote in the jurisdiction of the polling place at which the
26 individual cast such ballot, the individual's provisional ballot shall be counted as a vote
27 in that election in accordance with State law.

28
29 **SEC. 108. MANDATORY POST-ELECTION AUDITS.**

30 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Uniform State American
31 Confidence in Elections: Mandatory Election Auditing Act.”

32 (b) REQUIREMENT FOR POST-ELECTION AUDITS.—

33 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 30 days after each [XX] election, the State of
34 [XX] shall conduct and publish an audit of the effectiveness and accuracy of—

35 (A) voting systems used to carry out the election;

36 (B) nonvoting election technology used to carry out the election;

37 (C) pre-election procedures including an examination of compliance with
38 established processes for voter registration and voter list maintenance;

39 (D) election procedures including an examination of compliance with
40 established processes for voter check-in, voting, tabulation, and canvassing;

41 (E) absentee or other mail ballot processing procedures, including
42 processes related to verifying voter identity;

43 (F) post-election procedures including the examination of compliance with
44 established processes for recounts and recanvassing, as well as other post-election
45 procedures upon which the outcome depends;

46 (G) results and outcomes and the reporting of results and outcomes; and

1 (H) the performance when compared to established law of the officials
2 who carried out the election.

3 In no case shall such audit be completed later than 2 business days before
4 the deadline to file an election contest under the laws of the State of [XX].

5 (2) INDEPENDENCE OF AUDITOR.—No individual who participates in conducting
6 the audit required under this section may be an employee or contractor of an office of the
7 State of [XX] which is responsible for the administration of [XX] elections or of a
8 subsidiary or affiliate of such an office.
9

10 **SEC. 109. PUBLIC OBSERVATION OF ELECTION PROCEDURES.**

11 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Uniform State American
12 Confidence in Elections: Election Observer Access Act.”

13 (b) DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF CANDIDATES, POLITICAL PARTIES, AND
14 COMMITTEES AFFILIATED WITH BALLOT INITIATIVES.—

15 (1) AUTHORITY TO OBSERVE PROCEDURES.—An individual who is not a [XX]
16 election official may observe election procedures carried out in a [XX] election, as
17 described in paragraph (2), if the individual is designated to observe such procedures by a
18 candidate in the election, a political party, a committee affiliated with a constitutional
19 amendment, ballot initiative, or referendum in the election, or Congress.

20 (2) AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES DESCRIBED.—The authority of an individual to
21 observe election procedures pursuant to this subsection is as follows:

22 (A) The individual may serve as a poll watcher to observe the casting and
23 tabulation of ballots at a polling place on election day or on any day prior to
24 election day on which ballots are cast at early voting sites and may challenge the
25 casting or tabulation of any such ballot.

26 (B) The individual may serve as a poll watcher to observe the canvassing
27 and processing of absentee or other mail-in ballots, including the procedures for
28 verification of signed certificates of transmission under section 114(c)(2) of this
29 Act.

30 (C) The individual may observe all post-election proceedings, including
31 but not limited to audits, re-canvassing, and the recount of the results of the
32 election at any location at which the recount is held and may challenge the
33 tabulation of any ballot tabulated pursuant to the recount.

34 (D) The individual may not handle ballots, elections equipment (voting or
35 nonvoting), take any action to reduce ballot secrecy, or otherwise interfere with
36 the elections administration process.

37 (3) PROVISION OF CREDENTIALS.—An election official of the State of [XX] shall
38 provide each individual who is authorized to observe election procedures under
39 paragraph (1) with appropriate credentials to enable the individual to observe such
40 procedures.

41 (4) EXCEPTION FOR CANDIDATES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—An
42 individual may not serve as a poll watcher as defined under paragraph (1), and the chief
43 State election official of the State of [XX] may not provide the individual with credentials
44 to enable the individual to serve as a poll watcher under such paragraph, if the individual
45 is a candidate in the election or a law enforcement officer.

46 (c) OTHER INDIVIDUALS.—

1 (1) PETITION FOR OBSERVER CREDENTIALS.—In addition to the individuals
2 described in subsection (b), any person, including but not limited to a minor political
3 party, may petition the chief State election official of the State of [XX] to provide the
4 individual with credentials to observe election procedures carried out in a [XX] election,
5 as described in subsection (b).

6 (2) AUTHORITY DESCRIBED.—If the chief State election official of the State of
7 [XX] provides an individual with credentials under paragraph (1), the individual shall
8 have the same authority to observe election procedures carried out in the election as an
9 individual described in subsection (b), except that the individual may not challenge the
10 casting, tabulation, canvassing, or processing of any ballot in the election.

11 (3) EXCEPTION FOR CANDIDATES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—An
12 individual may not serve as a poll watcher as defined under paragraph (1), and the chief
13 State election official of the State of [XX] may not provide an individual with credentials
14 to enable the individual to serve as a poll watcher under such paragraph, if the individual
15 is a candidate in the election or a law enforcement officer.

16 (d) AUTHORITY OF MEMBERS OF PUBLIC TO OBSERVE TESTING OF EQUIPMENT.—In
17 addition to the authority of individuals to observe procedures under subsections (b) and (c), any
18 member of the public may observe the testing of election equipment by election officials prior to
19 election day.

20 (e) PROHIBITING LIMITS ON ABILITY TO VIEW PROCEDURES.—An election official may
21 not obstruct the ability of an individual who is authorized to observe an election procedure under
22 this section to view meaningfully the procedure as it is being carried out.

23 (f) PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.—An election official may not require
24 that an individual who observes election procedures under this section stays more than 3 feet
25 away from the procedure as it is being carried out.

26 27 **SEC. 110. REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF DROP BOXES.**

28 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Uniform State American
29 Confidence in Elections: Drop Box Security Act.”

30 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to a [XX] election, the State of [XX] may not use a
31 drop box to accept a voted absentee or other mail-in ballot for any such election unless—

32 (1) any such drop box is stationary and located inside a State of [XX] government
33 building or facility, a local government building or facility, or a polling location;

34 (2) the chief State election official of the State of [XX], or his or her designee,
35 designates the location of such drop box at least 30 days before election day, and, after
36 such designation, such drop box cannot be moved or changed except by approval of the
37 chief State election official of the State of [XX].

38 (3) the State of [XX] provides for the security of any such drop box through
39 continuous in-person monitoring during the operating hours of the building in which the
40 drop box is located and 24-hour remote or electronic surveillance at all other times;

41 (4) an election official collects any ballot deposited in any such drop box each day
42 at the end of voting hours during early voting and immediately returns the ballot(s) to the
43 supervisor of elections office;

44 (5) an election official collects any ballots deposited in any such drop box at the
45 close of polls on election day; and

1 (6) any person who removes ballots from any such drop box must comply with
2 the chain of custody of ballot procedures as specified by the laws, rules, and regulations
3 of the State of [XX] and Federal law.
4

5 **SEC. 111. PROHIBITING THE USE OF RANKED-CHOICE VOTING.**

6 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Uniform State American
7 Confidence in Elections: Prohibiting Ranked-Choice Voting Act.”

8 (b) PROHIBITION.—The State of [XX] may not carry out a [XX] election using a system
9 of ranked-choice voting under which each voter shall rank the candidates for the office in the
10 order of the voter’s preference.
11

12 **SEC. 112. EARLY VOTING.**

13 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Uniform State American
14 Confidence in Elections: Early Voting Requirements Act.”

15 (b) REQUIRING EARLY VOTING.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The State of [XX] shall allow individuals to vote in person in a
17 [XX] election during an early voting period which occurs prior to election day. With the
18 exception of the date of the voting period, the provisions of law that apply to in-person
19 voting on election day shall apply to in-person voting during the early voting period.

20 (2) LENGTH OF PERIOD.—The early voting period required under this subsection
21 with respect to a [XX] election shall consist of not more than 10 days during the period of
22 consecutive days (including weekends) which begins on the 14th day before election day
23 and ends on election day.

24 (c) POLLING PLACE REQUIREMENTS.—Each polling place which allows voting during an
25 early voting period under subsection (b) shall have the same hours for each day on which such
26 voting occurs as the polling place has on election day.
27

28 **SEC. 113. PROHIBITING PRIVATE FUNDING OF ELECTIONS.**

29 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Uniform State American
30 Confidence in Elections: Private Election Funding Prohibition Act.”

31 (b) PROHIBITION.—The State of [XX] and any county or municipal government,
32 government employee, or [XX] election official shall not solicit, take, or otherwise accept from
33 any person a contribution, donation, grant, scholarship, service, or anything else of value for the
34 purpose of administering a [XX] election unless approved and received by and distributed
35 according to the determinations of the State board of elections. Notwithstanding any provision of
36 the federal Internal Revenue Code, the amount of such funds shall not be deductible from the
37 income of any such person conveying such item of value for purposes of any tax levied by this
38 state.

39 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the amendments made by subsection (b) shall
40 be construed to prevent the donation or use of locations, including, but not limited to a house of
41 worship, community center, or similar facility, for voting purposes, and services provided
42 without remuneration, or goods that have a nominal value of less than \$250.00.
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44 **SEC. 114. REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING BY MAIL-IN BALLOT.**

45 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Uniform State American
46 Confidence in Elections: Mail Voting Improvement Act.”

1 (b) PROHIBITING TRANSMISSION OF UNSOLICITED BALLOTS.—The State of [XX] may not
2 transmit an absentee or other mail-in ballot for a [XX] election to any individual who does not
3 request the State of [XX] to transmit the ballot, except when permitted by Federal law.

4 (c) SIGNATURE VERIFICATION.—

5 (1) INCLUSION OF CERTIFICATE WITH BALLOT.—The State of [XX] shall include
6 with each absentee or other mail-in ballot transmitted for a [XX] election a certificate of
7 transmission which shall be signed by the individual for whom the ballot is transmitted.

8 (2) REQUIRING VERIFICATION FOR BALLOT TO BE COUNTED.—Except as provided
9 in subsection (e), the State of [XX] shall not accept an absentee or other mail-in ballot for
10 a [XX] election unless—

11 (A) the individual for whom the ballot was transmitted—

12 (i) signs and dates the certificate of transmission included with the
13 ballot under paragraph (1); and

14 (ii) includes the signed certification with the ballot and the date on
15 such certification is accurate and in no case later than election day; and

16 (B) the individual’s signature on the certificate of transmission and ballot
17 matches the signature of the individual on the official list of registered voters in
18 the State of [XX] or other official record or document used by the State of [XX]
19 to verify the signatures of voters.

20 (d) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE.—

21 (1) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE DISCREPANCY IN SIGNATURES.—If an
22 individual submits an absentee or other mail-in ballot for a [XX] election and the
23 appropriate [XX] election official determines that a discrepancy exists between the
24 signature on such certificate of transmission or ballot and the signature of such individual
25 on the official list of registered voters in the State of [XX] or other official record or
26 document used by the State of [XX] to verify the signatures of voters, such election
27 official, prior to making a final determination as to the validity of such certificate of
28 transmission or ballot, shall—

29 (A) make a good faith effort immediately, but in no case later than the
30 time of reporting unofficial election results, to notify the individual by mail and
31 either telephone, text message, or electronic mail, as available, that—

32 (i) a discrepancy exists between the signature on such certificate of
33 transmission and the signature of the individual on the official list of
34 registered voters in the State of [XX] or other official record or document
35 used by the State of [XX] to verify the signatures of voters; and

36 (ii) if such discrepancy is not cured prior to the expiration of the
37 period which ends on the close of business on the second business day
38 following the date the official notifies the individual of the discrepancy,
39 such ballot will not be accepted and will not be counted; and

40 (B) cure such discrepancy and count the ballot if, prior to the expiration of
41 the 2-day period described in subparagraph (A)(ii), the individual provides the
42 official with sufficient information to cure such discrepancy, either in person, by
43 telephone, or by electronic methods.

44 (2) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE MISSING SIGNATURE OR OTHER DEFECT.—

45 If an individual submits an absentee or other mail-in ballot for a [XX] election without a
46 signature on the certificate of transmission or ballot, or without the certificate of

1 transmission included with the ballot as required by subsection (c) or submits an absentee
2 or other mail-in ballot with another defect which, if left uncured, would cause the ballot
3 to not be counted, the appropriate [XX] election official, prior to making a final
4 determination as to the validity of the ballot, shall—

5 (A) make a good faith effort to immediately, but in no case later than the
6 time of reporting unofficial results, notify the individual by mail and either
7 telephone, text message, or electronic mail, as available, that—

8 (i) the ballot or certificate of transmission did not include a
9 signature or has some other defect; and

10 (ii) if the individual does not provide the missing signature or cure
11 the other defect prior to the expiration of the period which ends on the
12 close of business on the second business day following the date the official
13 notifies the individual that the ballot or certificate of transmission did not
14 include a signature or has some other defect, such ballot will not be
15 accepted and will not be counted; and

16 (B) count the ballot if, prior to the expiration of the period described in
17 subparagraph (A)(ii), the individual provides the official with the missing
18 signature on a form proscribed by the State of [XX] or cures the other defect.

19 This paragraph does not apply with respect to a defect consisting of the failure of a ballot
20 to meet the applicable deadline for the acceptance of the ballot, as described in subsection
21 (e).

22 (e) DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE.—

23 (1) DEADLINE.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the State of [XX] may not
24 accept an absentee or other mail-in ballot for a [XX] election which is received by the
25 appropriate election official following the close of polls on election day.

26 (2) EXCEPTION FOR ABSENT MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS.—Paragraph (1)
27 does not apply to a ballot cast by an individual who is entitled to vote by absentee ballot
28 under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (52 U.S.C. 20301 et
29 seq.).

30 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed as
31 prohibiting the State of [XX] from accepting an absentee or other mail-in ballot for a
32 [XX] election that is delivered in person by the voter to an election official at an
33 appropriate polling place or a local election office if such ballot is received by the
34 election official by the deadline described in paragraph (1).