

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit Federal funds for election administration for States misusing the Fourteenth Amendment for political purposes, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TILLIS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Constitutional Election  
5 Integrity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FUNDS FOR ELECTION**  
2 **ADMINISTRATION FOR STATES MISUSING**  
3 **THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT FOR POLIT-**  
4 **ICAL PURPOSES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Help America Vote Act of  
6 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20901 et seq.) is amended by adding at  
7 the end the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 901. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FUNDS FOR ELEC-**  
9 **TION ADMINISTRATION FOR STATES MIS-**  
10 **USING THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT FOR**  
11 **POLITICAL PURPOSES.**

12 “ Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no  
13 Federal funds may be used to administer any election for  
14 Federal office in a State where the chief executive or any  
15 elected or appointed executive officials prohibit, by execu-  
16 tive order, decree, or other unilateral mechanism, that a  
17 candidate for the Office of President of the United States  
18 who is otherwise eligible from appearing on the ballot for  
19 such Office using section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment  
20 to the Constitution of the United States.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
22 of such Act is amended by adding at the end the following  
23 new item:

“Sec. 901. Prohibition on Federal funds for election administration for States  
misusing the Fourteenth Amendment for political purposes.”.

1 **SEC. 3. JURISDICTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal district courts shall  
3 have original and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate dis-  
4 putes or questions of ballot eligibility for candidates for  
5 the Office of President of the United States arising under  
6 section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitu-  
7 tion of the United States.

8 (b) LIMITATION.—No officer or court of any State  
9 or territory shall have authority to adjudicate disputes or  
10 questions of ballot eligibility for candidates for the Office  
11 of President of the United States arising under section  
12 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of  
13 the United States.

14 (c) 3-JUDGE COURT.—A Federal district court of 3  
15 judges shall be convened when an action is filed in Federal  
16 district court challenging the ballot eligibility of a can-  
17 didate for the Office of President of the United States  
18 arising under section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to  
19 the Constitution of the United States. The 3-judge panel  
20 shall make findings of fact, which shall be transmitted to  
21 the Supreme Court of the United States. Upon receipt of  
22 these findings of fact, the Supreme Court shall consider  
23 the matter on an expedited basis before issuing a ruling  
24 on the findings of law. The Supreme Court may consider  
25 the findings of fact on a de novo basis.

1       (d) COMPOSITION AND PROCEDURE.—Any action  
2 under subsection (c) shall be heard pursuant to section  
3 2284 of title 28, United States Code.