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To change the date for regularly scheduled Federal elections and establish  
polling place hours.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ISRAEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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# A BILL

To change the date for regularly scheduled Federal elections  
and establish polling place hours.

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 “Weekend Voting Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. CHANGE IN CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION DAY TO**

6 **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.**

7 Section 25 of the Revised Statutes of the United  
8 States (2 U.S.C. 7) is amended to read as follows:

1       “SEC. 25. The first Saturday and Sunday after the  
2 first Friday in November, in every even numbered year,  
3 are established as the days for the election, in each of the  
4 States and Territories of the United States, of Represent-  
5 atives and Delegates to the Congress commencing on the  
6 3d day of January thereafter.”.

7       **SEC. 3. CHANGE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DAY TO SAT-**  
8                                   **URDAY AND SUNDAY.**

9       Section 1 of title 3, United States Code, is amended  
10 by striking “Tuesday next after the first Monday” and  
11 inserting “first Saturday and Sunday after the first Fri-  
12 day”.

13       **SEC. 4. POLLING PLACE HOURS.**

14       (a) IN GENERAL.—

15               (1) PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION.—

16       Chapter 1 of title 3, United States Code, is amend-  
17 ed—

18               (A) by redesignating section 1 as section  
19               1A; and

20               (B) by inserting before section 1A the fol-  
21               lowing:

22       **“§ 1. Polling place hours**

23       “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24               “(1) CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.—The  
25       term ‘continental United States’ means a State

1 (other than Alaska and Hawaii) and the District of  
2 Columbia.

3 “(2) PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION.—The  
4 term ‘Presidential general election’ means the elec-  
5 tion for electors of President and Vice President.

6 “(b) POLLING PLACE HOURS.—

7 “(1) POLLING PLACES IN THE CONTINENTAL  
8 UNITED STATES.—Each polling place in the conti-  
9 nental United States shall be open, with respect to  
10 a Presidential general election, beginning on Satur-  
11 day at 10:00 a.m. eastern standard time and ending  
12 on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. eastern standard time.

13 “(2) POLLING PLACES OUTSIDE THE CONTI-  
14 NENTAL UNITED STATES.—Each polling place not  
15 located in the continental United States shall be  
16 open, with respect to a Presidential general election,  
17 beginning on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. local time and  
18 ending on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. local time.

19 “(3) EARLY CLOSING.—A polling place may  
20 close between the hours of 10:00 p.m. local time on  
21 Saturday and 6:00 a.m. local time on Sunday as  
22 provided by the law of the State in which the polling  
23 place is located.”.

1           (2) CONGRESSIONAL GENERAL ELECTION.—  
2       Section 25 of the Revised Statutes of the United  
3       States (2 U.S.C. 7) is amended—

4           (A) by redesignating section 25 as section  
5       25A; and

6           (B) by inserting before section 25A the fol-  
7       lowing:

8       **“SEC. 25. POLLING PLACE HOURS.**

9       “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10       “(1) CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.—The  
11       term ‘continental United States’ means a State  
12       (other than Alaska and Hawaii) and the District of  
13       Columbia.

14       “(2) CONGRESSIONAL GENERAL ELECTION.—  
15       The term ‘congressional general election’ means the  
16       regularly scheduled general election for the office of  
17       Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resi-  
18       dent Commissioner to, the Congress.

19       “(b) POLLING PLACE HOURS.—

20       “(1) POLLING PLACES INSIDE THE CONTI-  
21       NENTAL UNITED STATES.—Each polling place in the  
22       continental United States shall be open, with respect  
23       to a congressional general election, beginning on  
24       Saturday at 10:00 a.m. eastern standard time and

1 ending on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. eastern standard  
2 time.

3 “(2) POLLING PLACES OUTSIDE THE CONTI-  
4 NENTAL UNITED STATES.—Each polling place not  
5 located in the continental United States shall be  
6 open, with respect to a congressional general elec-  
7 tion, beginning on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. local time  
8 and ending on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. local time.

9 “(3) EARLY CLOSING.—A polling place may  
10 close between the hours of 10:00 p.m. local time on  
11 Saturday and 6:00 a.m. local time on Sunday as  
12 provided by the law of the State in which the polling  
13 place is located.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

15 (1) The table of sections for chapter 1 of title  
16 3, United States Code, is amended by striking the  
17 item relating to section 1 and inserting the fol-  
18 lowing:

“1. Polling place hours.

“1A. Time of appointing electors.”.

19 (2) Sections 871(b) and 1751(f) of title 18,  
20 United States Code, are each amended by striking  
21 “title 3, United States Code, sections 1 and 2” and  
22 inserting “sections 1A and 2 of title 3”.