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

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Additional sponsors: Mr. PETRI, Mr. BEILENSON, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. HANCOCK, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. ROTH, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. NORWOOD, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. GOSS, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. DELAY, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. NEY, Mr. BONO, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. HORN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. KING, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. EWING, Mrs. SEASTRAND, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. KIM, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. HOKE, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. JONES, Mr. FUNDERBURK, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. HERGER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, and Mrs. CUBIN

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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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 9 1a) is repealed.

10 (b) **VOTING RIGHTS.**—Section 4 of the Voting Rights
 11 Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973b) is amended by striking
 12 subsection (f).

13 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

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

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

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

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

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

4 (2) in paragraphs (1)(A) and (3) of section
5 4(a), by striking “or (in the case of a State or sub-
6 division seeking a declaratory judgment under the
7 second sentence of this subsection) in contravention
8 of the guarantees of subsection (f)(2)”; and

9 (3) in paragraphs (1)(B) and (5) of section
10 4(a), by striking “or (in the case of a State or sub-
11 division which sought a declaratory judgment under
12 the second sentence of this subsection) that denials
13 or abridgments of the right to vote in contravention
14 of the guarantees of subsection (f)(2) have occurred
15 anywhere in the territory of such State or subdivi-
16 sion”.

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23 this subsection) that denials or abridgements of the
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3 *(4) in paragraph (5) of section 4(a), by striking*
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