

###The Southern State Democracy Act

Whereas: Dixie does not offer enough protections and opportunities for her citizens to vote.

Whereas: The right to vote is integral to the United States, and ought to be protected by the government.

Whereas: Early voting has been correlated with higher turnout, and affords those who do not have time to vote on election day the right to vote at a point in time before said day.

Whereas: Election interference has been proven, and the state government must do all in its power to ensure elections are untampered with.

Whereas: There are not enough polling places, and can be a burden for people to travel to.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of the Southern State that:

****Section 1: Definitions****

- a. Early Voting: A system whereby votes are cast before an election day.
- b. Absentee ballots: A ballot completed and mailed in advance of an election by a voter who is unable to vote on election day at a polling place.
- c. Voter Identification: A requirement that a voter provide some form of official, government provided, identification, permitting said citizen to vote in an election.
- d. Same-Day Registration: Eligible voters may registered to vote and cast their ballot on election day.
- e. Polling place: A building or place where voting takes place during an election.

****Section 2: Early Voting & Absentee Ballots****

- a. In Dixie, early voting shall begin 30 days before Election Day and will end one day before the election day.
- b. All registered voters in Dixie shall be given an absentee ballot by mail, regardless if they requested one, and shall have the right to send in their ballot until election day,
 - >i. Ballots marked as being sent on Election Day but received on a later date shall not be discarded,

****Section 3: Voter Identification & Automatic Registration****

a. The Secretary of State of Dixie shall be charged with creating and mailing the “Dixie Voter Card”, which shall contain:

>i. The citizen’s name, date of birth, address, sex at birth, and Voter Card number, which shall be a ten character code beginning with a letter and ending with a letter, with eight digits from 0-9 in between

b. The Dixie Voter Card must be shown at a polling place in order for that citizen to vote in an election

>i. Should the voter not have their card, they will be asked to fill out and cast a provisional ballot with the necessary information until the County Elections Officials can verify the voter’s information with the state,

c. All citizens of Dixie shall be given the card once that citizen turns 18, or if they are citizens of the state, or after someone has voted with a provisional ballot, should they have moved from another state,

>i. Once someone receives the card, or votes via a provisional ballot, they will have been considered registered to vote, as the card shall be the required identification for voting,

>ii. Should a citizen lose their card they may request one online at any point, but must fill in the correct information, or vote at a polling place on election day without one,

>>1. Should the Secretary of State fail to mail a Voter Identification Card by election day, the voter may fill out and cast a provisional ballot.

****Section 4: Voting Protections****

a. All ballots shall be counted in Dixie, and election certification must occur 45 days after the date of an election,

b. The state shall devote \$5,000,000 each year to training and recruiting poll workers,

>i. Employees under an executive agency are entitled to leave, without a reduction or loss of pay, to participate in training and work on the day of the election

>ii. Poll workers shall receive \$30 an hour for their work on election day

c. The Secretary of State shall work in conjunction with the County Election Officials in combating election tampering, and shall devote \$5,000,000 towards updating and protecting voting and mailing systems,

d. The state shall spend \$30,000,000 on public advertisements on the occurrence of an election four weeks before the date of an election up until the day of the election.

e. Any remaining funds allocated for the purposes of election protection shall be placed into the budget as surplus funds for the Legislature to appropriate elsewhere for the next fiscal year,

****Section 5: Polling Places****

a. The state shall ensure there is a polling place for every citizen in a three-mile radius, and shall ensure there are at the least two poll workers at every polling place,

>i. The state shall allocate \$25,000,000 for this purpose,

****Section 6: Enactment****

a. This act shall take effect immediately after its passage into law, and all provisions shall be implemented by the next election;

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