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and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPACE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Ways and Means

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 “Vote On Trade Every
5 time Act” or “VOTE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO TRADE AGREEMENTS.**

7 (a) APPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
8 sion of law, the President may not enter into a trade
9 agreement with one or more foreign countries unless the
10 electors of the United States authorize the President to

1 take such action. The President, in consultation with State
2 election officials, shall promulgate such regulations as may
3 be necessary to carry out the previous sentence.

4 (b) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Before entering into negotia-
6 tions to enter into a trade agreement with one or
7 more foreign countries, the United States Trade
8 Representative shall hold a series of public hearings
9 throughout the United States to receive input on the
10 effects of the trade agreement on economic growth
11 and employment in the United States.

12 (2) LOCATION OF HEARINGS.—The public hear-
13 ings required under paragraph (1) should be held in
14 areas of the United States that have been, are, or
15 may be adversely affected by trade agreements with
16 foreign countries, as determined by the Department
17 of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics.

18 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “trade
19 agreement” means any bilateral, regional, or multilateral
20 free trade agreement.

21 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on
22 the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with
23 respect to entering into a trade agreement with one or

1 more foreign countries on or after the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act.

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