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H. R. 9504

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require information on the national debt to be included on ballots in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

Mr. LOPEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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. INCLUSION OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL**
4 **DEBT ON BALLOTS IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Subtitle A of title III of the
6 Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081 et seq.)
7 is amended by inserting after section 303 the following
8 new section:

1 **“SEC. 303A. INCLUSION OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL**
2 **DEBT ON BALLOTS.**

3 “(a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Each State shall ensure that
4 a ballot used in an election for Federal office in the State
5 includes a separate statement of the total gross Federal
6 debt, as calculated by the Secretary of the Treasury, for
7 each of the 3 most recent fiscal years ending before the
8 date of the election.

9 “(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Subsection (a) shall apply
10 with respect to each election for Federal office held on
11 or after the date of the enactment of this section.”.

12 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO EN-**
13 **FORCEMENT.**—Section 401 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 21111)
14 is amended by striking “and 303” and inserting “303, and
15 303A”.

16 (c) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents
17 of such Act is amended by inserting after the item relating
18 to section 303 the following:

“Sec. 303A. Inclusion of information on national debt on ballots.”.

