116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BENNET (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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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 "State Elections Pre-

5   paredness Act".

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF MATCHING REQUIREMENT FOR ELEC-**

2 **TION SECURITY GRANTS TO STATES.**

3   (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case where the Election As-

4 sistance Commission (referred to in this section as the

5 ''Commission'') determines exigent circumstances related

6 to the COVID–19 pandemic prevent a State from pro-

7 viding matching funds as described in the last proviso

8 under the heading ''Election Assistance Commission, Elec-

9 tion Security Grants'' in the Financial Services and Gen-

10 eral Government Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law

11 116–93; 133 Stat. 2461) (relating to the State matching

12 funds requirement), the Commission may waive the appli-

13 cation of such State matching funds requirement under

14 such proviso with respect to any payment made to the

15 State using funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-

16 able to the Commission under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief,

17 and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136).

18   (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take ef-

19 fect as if included in the enactment of the Coronavirus

20 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–

21 136).