

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To prohibit the use of voting systems containing Chinese components in
Federal elections.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To prohibit the use of voting systems containing Chinese
components in Federal elections.

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 **["**_____ Act
5 of 2025**"]**.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF VOTING SYSTEMS CON-**
7 **TAINING CHINESE COMPONENTS.**

8 Section 301(a) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002
9 (52 U.S.C. 21081(a)) is amended by adding at the end
10 the following:

1 “(7) PROHIBITION ON USE OF VOTING SYSTEMS
2 CONTAINING CHINESE COMPONENTS.—

3 “(A) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the
4 term ‘covered component’ means a component
5 of a voting system that is—

6 “(i) manufactured in the People’s Re-
7 public of China; or

8 “(ii) manufactured by an entity that
9 is owned, controlled by, or otherwise con-
10 nected to, the government of the People’s
11 Republic of China.

12 “(B) PROHIBITION.—

13 “(i) NEW VOTING SYSTEMS.—If the
14 voting system is manufactured on or after
15 the date of enactment of this paragraph,
16 the voting system may not contain any cov-
17 ered component.

18 “(ii) PRIOR VOTING SYSTEMS.—If the
19 voting system was manufactured before the
20 date of enactment of this paragraph and
21 contains a covered component, the voting
22 system—

23 “(I) may be used in an election
24 for Federal office that occurs before

1 the date that is 1 year after the date
2 of enactment of this paragraph; and
3 “(II) may not be used in an elec-
4 tion for Federal office that occurs on
5 or after the date that is 1 year after
6 the date of enactment of this para-
7 graph.”.