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# H. R. 3076

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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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 “Creating Advanced  
5 Streamlined Electronic Services (CASES) for Constitu-  
6 ents Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO ACCEPT ELECTRONIC RELEASE**  
2 **FORMS UNDER THE PRIVACY ACT.**

3 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 552a of title 5, United  
4 States Code (commonly referred to as the Privacy Act)  
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 “(x) REQUIREMENT TO ACCEPT ELECTRONIC RE-  
7 LEASE FORMS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each agency shall establish  
9 a system that allows an individual, or another entity  
10 acting on behalf of that individual who has been au-  
11 thorized to act on behalf of the individual, to elec-  
12 tronically submit a release form, signed by the indi-  
13 vidual, that grants another entity access to the  
14 record of the individual or any other information  
15 pertaining to the individual that is contained in the  
16 system.

17 “(2) FORM OF SUBMISSION.—The release form  
18 described in paragraph (1) may be submitted di-  
19 rectly to the agency through an electronic form  
20 (without requiring the upload of any document), in-  
21 cluding any necessary authentication process, if the  
22 release form—

23 “(A) is submitted by an individual; or

24 “(B) if submitted by another entity acting  
25 on behalf of an individual, includes a certifi-  
26 cation that the other entity has been authorized

1           to act on behalf of the individual in the manner  
2           described in paragraph (1).”.

3           (b) OMB GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days, the  
4 Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall  
5 establish a uniform release form to be used across agencies  
6 for the electronic submission described under subsection  
7 (x) of section 552a of title 5, United States Code, as added  
8 by subsection (a).

9           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
10 subsection (a) shall take effect 180 days after the date  
11 of the enactment of this Act.

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