

## S 953

Bipartisan Federal Election Reform Act of 2001

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** KY • **Chamber:** Senate

**Cosponsors** (70 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 24, 2001
Sen. Allard, Wayne [R-CO]	R · CO		May 24, 2001
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	R · VA		May 24, 2001
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		May 24, 2001
Sen. Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]	R · UT		May 24, 2001
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		May 24, 2001
Sen. Breaux, John B. [D-LA]	D · LA		May 24, 2001
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		May 24, 2001
Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]	R · KY		May 24, 2001
Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	R · MT		May 24, 2001
Sen. Campbell, Ben Nighthorse [R-CO]	R · CO		May 24, 2001
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		May 24, 2001
Sen. Carnahan, Jean [D-MO]	D · MO		May 24, 2001
Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]	R · RI		May 24, 2001
Sen. Cleland, Max [D-GA]	D · GA		May 24, 2001
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		May 24, 2001
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 24, 2001
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		May 24, 2001
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 24, 2001
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		May 24, 2001
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		May 24, 2001
Sen. Daschle, Thomas A. [D-SD]	D · SD		May 24, 2001
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		May 24, 2001
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	R · OH		May 24, 2001
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		May 24, 2001
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 24, 2001
Sen. Edwards, John [D-NC]	D · NC		May 24, 2001
Sen. Ensign, John [R-NV]	R · NV		May 24, 2001
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		May 24, 2001
Sen. Frist, William H. [R-TN]	R · TN		May 24, 2001
Sen. Graham, Bob [D-FL]	D · FL		May 24, 2001
Sen. Gramm, Phil [R-TX]	R · TX		May 24, 2001
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		May 24, 2001
Sen. Gregg, Judd [R-NH]	R · NH		May 24, 2001
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		May 24, 2001
Sen. Helms, Jesse [R-NC]	R · NC		May 24, 2001
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		May 24, 2001
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 24, 2001
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [R-VT]	I · VT		May 24, 2001
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		May 24, 2001
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 24, 2001

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Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 24, 2001
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		May 24, 2001
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		May 24, 2001
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		May 24, 2001
Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]	R · MS		May 24, 2001
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		May 24, 2001
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 24, 2001
Sen. Murkowski, Frank H. [R-AK]	R · AK		May 24, 2001
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		May 24, 2001
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		May 24, 2001
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		May 24, 2001
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		May 24, 2001
Sen. Santorum, Rick [R-PA]	R · PA		May 24, 2001
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 24, 2001
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		May 24, 2001
Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]	R · AL		May 24, 2001
Sen. Smith, Bob [R-NH]	R · NH		May 24, 2001
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		May 24, 2001
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		May 24, 2001
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		May 24, 2001
Sen. Thomas, Craig [R-WY]	R · WY		May 24, 2001
Sen. Thompson, Fred [R-TN]	R · TN		May 24, 2001
Sen. Thurmond, Strom [R-SC]	R · SC		May 24, 2001
Sen. Torricelli, Robert G. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 24, 2001
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	R · VA		May 24, 2001
Sen. Wellstone, Paul D. [D-MN]	D · MN		May 24, 2001
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 5, 2001
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 5, 2001
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 6, 2001

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2001

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Bipartisan Federal Election Reform Act of 2001 - Establishes the Blue Ribbon Study Panel to study, with respect to Federal elections, methods of: (1) voting and counting votes, of ballot design, of voter registration, of maintaining secure and accurate lists of registered voters, and of ensuring that all registered voters appear on the polling list at the appropriate polling site; (2) provisional voting; (3) ensuring accessibility of voting, registration, polling places, and voting equipment to all voters; (4) registering members of the armed forces and overseas citizens to vote, and ensuring that they timely receive ballots that will be properly and expeditiously handled and counted; (5) recruiting and improving the performance of poll workers; and (6) educating voters. Requires the Panel also to study: (1) Federal and State voting eligibility laws; (2) matters relevant to voting and administering elections in rural and urban areas; and (3) how the Federal Government can assist State and local authorities to improve election administration and what levels of funding would be necessary for such assistance.

Requires the Panel to make related recommendations.

Establishes the Election Administration Commission to: (1) adopt or modify and periodically update Panel recommendations; (2) issue or adopt updated voting system standards; and (3) perform a variety of other specified duties.

Establishes the Federal Election Reform Grant Program under which the Commission may award grants to applicant States and localities to pay the Federal share of costs associated with implementing any recommendation adopted or modified by the Commission.

Establishes the Election Administration Advisory Board.

Amends the Voting Act concerning maximum access to polls by absent uniformed services and overseas voters to replace the current recommendation imposed upon the States to achieve such maximum access with a requirement that each State, in each Federal election, perform certain tasks.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **May 24, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 24, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5631)
- **May 24, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.