

## HR 1404

Fair Elections Now Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Congress

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration. (Apr 6, 2011)

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Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Apr 6, 2011
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Apr 6, 2011
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Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		May 11, 2011
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 13, 2011
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		May 24, 2011
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		May 24, 2011
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		May 31, 2011
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jun 2, 2011
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jun 2, 2011
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Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jun 13, 2011
Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Jul 7, 2011
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jul 7, 2011
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jul 7, 2011
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Jul 7, 2011
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jul 7, 2011
Rep. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jul 11, 2011
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 14, 2011
Rep. Kissell, Larry [D-NC-8]	D · NC		Sep 14, 2011
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Oct 25, 2011
Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Oct 25, 2011
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Nov 14, 2011
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2012
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2012
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 1, 2012
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 7, 2012

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Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Apr 17, 2012
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 7, 2012
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		May 8, 2012
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Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jun 26, 2012
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Jun 26, 2012
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Jun 26, 2012
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jun 27, 2012
Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jun 27, 2012
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jun 27, 2012
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jul 19, 2012
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2012
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Sep 13, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Apr 6, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Congress

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6426	Related bill	<b>Sep 14, 2012:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
112 S 750	Related bill	<b>Apr 12, 2011:</b> Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held.

## Summary (as of Apr 6, 2011)

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Fair Elections Now Act - Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA) with respect to: (1) candidate benefits of fair elections financing of House of Representatives election campaigns; (2) allocations to candidates from the Fair Elections Fund established by this Act; (3) 500% matching payments to candidates for certain small dollar contributions; (4) Fund allocation eligibility requirements; (5) certification of a federal election candidate as a participating candidate; (6) contribution, expenditure, and fundraising requirements; (7) a public debate requirement; (8) remission to the Fair Elections Fund of unspent funds after an election; (9) establishment of the Fair Elections Fund and of a Fair Elections Oversight Board; (10) civil penalties for violation of contribution and expenditure requirements; and (11) transfer of a portion of collected civil money penalties into the Fair Elections Fund.

Prohibits: (1) use of contributions by a participating candidate for any purposes other than an election campaign, and (2) establishment of joint fundraising committees with any political committee other than a candidate's authorized committee. Prescribes a limitation on coordinated expenditures by political party committees with participating candidates.

Amends FECA to empower the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to petition the U.S. Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari to appeal a civil action.

Requires all designations, statements, and reports required to be filed under FECA to be filed: (1) directly with the FEC, and (2) in electronic form accessible by computers. Reduces from 48 hours to 24 hours after their receipt the deadline for the FEC to make designations, statements, reports, or notifications available to the public in the FEC office and on the Internet.

## Actions Timeline

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