

## HR 2540

Voter Protection Hotline Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jul 14, 2011

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Aug 25, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/2540>

### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 22, 2011
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jul 22, 2011
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Jul 22, 2011
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jul 28, 2011
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jul 28, 2011
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2011
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jul 28, 2011
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jul 28, 2011
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Jul 28, 2011
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jul 28, 2011
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Aug 5, 2011
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Aug 5, 2011
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Aug 5, 2011
Rep. Richardson, Laura [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Aug 5, 2011
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Oct 5, 2011
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Mar 29, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 25, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jul 14, 2011)

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Voter Protection Hotline Act of 2011 - Directs the Attorney General (AG) to establish and operate a toll-free telephone service, using a telephone number accessible throughout the United States using easily identifiable numerals, through which individuals may: (1) obtain information on voting in elections for federal office, including how to register to vote, the hours of operation of polling places, and how to obtain absentee ballots; and (2) report problems encountered in registering to vote or voting, including incidences of voter intimidation or suppression.

Requires the AG to: (1) appoint individuals to a Voter Hotline Task Force, giving special consideration to individuals representing civil rights organizations, for ongoing analysis and assessment of the telephone service's operation; and (2) submit a report to Congress each odd-numbered year concerning voter intimidation or suppression reports made to the hotline and assessing the availability of the service to all U.S. households with telephone service.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 25, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Aug 11, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Elections.
- **Jul 14, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 14, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.