

## S 6

We the People Act of 2016

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 16, 2016
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 16, 2016
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 16, 2016
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 20, 2016
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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 28, 2016
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 29, 2016
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 6, 2016
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 7, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 16, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5494	Related bill	<b>Jun 16, 2016:</b> Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, Financial Services, and Ways and Means, 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.
114 HR 5439	Related bill	<b>Jun 9, 2016:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
114 S 2611	Related bill	<b>Mar 1, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
114 HR 3854	Related bill	<b>Oct 28, 2015:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
114 S 2212	Related bill	<b>Oct 28, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
114 HR 3065	Related bill	<b>Jul 29, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
114 S 1838	Related bill	<b>Jul 22, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S5459-5460)
114 S 1779	Related bill	<b>Jul 15, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
114 HR 430	Related bill	<b>Feb 5, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HR 425	Related bill	<b>Jan 21, 2015:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
114 S 229	Related bill	<b>Jan 21, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S349-350; text of measure as introduced: CR S350-352)

## **We the People Act of 2016**

### *Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light On Spending in Elections Act of 2016 or the DISCLOSE Act of 2016*

This bill amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA) to:

- redefine "independent expenditure" to expand the meaning of express advocacy for the election or defeat of a candidate;
- expand the period for treating communications as electioneering communications;
- repeal the prohibition against contributions by minors; and
- prescribe disclosure requirements for campaign-related disbursements by corporations, labor organizations, and certain other entities, including super political action committees (PACs).

### *Stop Super PAC-Candidate Coordination Act*

The bill amends FECA to treat payments for coordinated expenditures as contributions to candidates under certain conditions, and set forth rules for coordinated expenditures.

The bill also prohibits candidates, individual federal officeholders, agents of a candidate or an individual federal officeholder, or certain related entities from soliciting, receiving, directing, or transferring funds to or on behalf of any political committee that accepts donations or contributions that do not comply with FECA limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements, or to or on behalf of any political organization that accepts such donations or contributions.

### *Real Time Transparency Act*

The bill amends FECA to require 48-hour notification to the Federal Election Commission (FEC) by all political committees receiving cumulative contributions (instead of single contributions) of \$1,000 or more during a year from any contributor.

### *Federal Election Administration Act of 2016*

The FECA is also amended to replace the FEC with the Federal Election Administration (FEA).

The Government Accountability Office shall: (1) examine the enforcement of the criminal provisions of FECA and prohibitions regarding the Presidential Election Campaign Fund and the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account, and (2) study the adequate level of resources for the FEA to execute competently the responsibilities imposed by this bill.

The federal criminal code is amended to prohibit former Members of Congress from ever lobbying a current Member in connection with any matter on which such former Member seeks action.

The Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 is amended to revise the definition of lobbyist to mean any individual who is employed or retained by a client for financial or other compensation for services that include more than one lobbying contact over a two-year (currently three-month) period.

### *Financial Services Conflict of Interest Act*

The federal criminal code is also amended regarding application of certain conflict-of-interest restrictions to a private

sector employer that makes payment of compensation contingent on accepting a position in the federal government.

The Ethics in Government Act of 1978 is amended to prohibit a covered financial services regulator from making, participating in making, or in any way attempting to use his or her official position to influence a particular matter that provides a direct and substantial pecuniary benefit for a former employer or former client.

The Office of Government Ethics must discharge certain recordkeeping duties to implement this bill.

Violators of this bill shall be subject to specified criminal and civil penalties.

The bill revises and extends certain restrictions on subsequent employment on current and former procurement officers.

The federal criminal code is amended to place specified time restrictions on subsequent employment for financial service regulators.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Act is amended to revise restrictions on federal examiners and supervisors of financial institutions.

### **Actions Timeline**

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