

## HR 6340

Presidential Accountability Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 5, 2016
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Nov 17, 2016)

### Presidential Accountability Act

This bill amends the federal criminal code to make it a crime for the President or Vice President to personally and substantially participate in official matters that affect their financial interests, unless the financial interests are held in a blind trust or the President or Vice President discloses the financial interests and receives an exemption.

It imposes criminal penalties—a prison term, a fine, or both—on a President or Vice President who commits the offense. It also authorizes civil penalties and injunctions.

Additionally, a violation constitutes a high crime and misdemeanor (i.e., grounds for impeachment) under Article II, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution.

Finally, the bill prohibits the President or Vice President from entering into contracts with the U.S. government.

## Actions Timeline

- **Dec 5, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Dec 5, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Nov 17, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 17, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.