

HR 1562

SAFE Act

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Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jun 7, 2018
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Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jun 21, 2018
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jul 24, 2018
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jul 24, 2018
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Mar 16, 2017
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 25, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3049	Related bill	Jun 12, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Secure America's Future Elections Act or the SAFE Act

This bill directs the National Protection and Programs Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security to designate the infrastructure used to administer elections as critical infrastructure.

The bill amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 with respect to:

- funding for states to upgrade the security of the information technology and cybersecurity elements of voting systems, voter registration lists, and voter registration processes;
- voting systems and cybersecurity standards;
- paper ballot and manual counting requirements;
- accessibility to voting systems and ballot verification for individuals with disabilities;
- durability and readability requirements for ballots; and
- mandatory manual audits of results of elections.

The National Science Foundation shall make grants to study, test, and develop accessible paper ballot voting mechanisms and best practices to enhance the accessibility of paper ballot voting for voters with disabilities, voters whose primary language is not English, and voters with difficulties in literacy.

The National Institute for Standards and Technology shall establish guidance for states that wish to establish alternative audit mechanisms.

The Election Assistance Commission is made permanent.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 25, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
- **Mar 16, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 16, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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.