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Secure Elections Act

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Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 21, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 21, 2017

Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6663	Related bill	Aug 10, 2018: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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.
115 HR 6188	Related bill	Jun 21, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
115 S 2593	Related bill	Mar 22, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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This bill gives the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) primary responsibility within the federal government for sharing information about election cybersecurity incidents, threats, and vulnerabilities with federal entities and election agencies.

DHS shall establish an advisory panel of independent experts to develop guidelines on election cybersecurity, including standards for procuring, maintaining, testing, auditing, operating, and updating election systems.

DHS shall award election system cybersecurity and modernization grants to states to implement the advisory panel's guidelines. Grants shall be awarded to: (1) remediate vulnerabilities identified by a cybersecurity evaluation, (2) replace electronic voting systems that are not optical scanners that read paper ballots, and (3) reimburse states for the inspection of marked paper ballots.

DHS shall establish a Hack the Election program, including a recurring competition, to facilitate and encourage the identification and reporting of election cybersecurity vulnerabilities by independent technical experts.

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