

S 2593

Secure Elections Act

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 22, 2018
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 22, 2018
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 22, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 22, 2018
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 22, 2018
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 22, 2018
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 22, 2018
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jul 17, 2018
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jul 19, 2018
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jul 19, 2018
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2018
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Sep 6, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 22, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">115 HR 6663</a>	Identical bill	<b>Aug 10, 2018:</b> 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.
<a href="#">115 S 2261</a>	Related bill	<b>Jun 20, 2018:</b> Committee on Rules and Administration. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-648.

## Summary (as of Mar 22, 2018)

### Secure Elections Act

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

The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) 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.

The EAC shall award election system cybersecurity and modernization grants to states and election agencies 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 statistical audits of ballots in close federal elections.

### Actions Timeline

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