

## HR 3132

Restoring Confidence in America's Elections Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jun 29, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 24, 2017
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	May 22, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

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

Summary (as of Jun 29, 2017)

Restoring Confidence in America's Elections Act

This bill amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to: (1) prohibit the purchase or use in a federal election of an electronic voting system that does not produce a voter-verified paper record; (2) prohibit the imposition of conditions on voting by mail; (3) make mandatory the availability of early voting; and (4) require sufficient polling places, equipment, and resources to facilitate voting.

The National Science Foundation shall make grants to: (1) study, test, and develop accessible ballot voting, verification, and casting mechanisms and devices and best practices to enhance the accessibility of paper ballot voting for individuals with disabilities, for voters whose primary language is not English, and for voters with difficulties in literacy; and (2) research the development of election-dedicated voting system software.

Each state shall, except when the winning candidate had no opponent or received 80% or more of the votes, manually audit federal election results, without advance notice to the precincts selected.

The bill amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to make it unlawful for a chief state election administration official, unless such official or an immediate family member is a candidate, to take an active part in political management or in a political campaign for federal office over which such official has supervisory authority.

The Department of Justice must initiate an investigation of an allegation of voter intimidation or suppression within 30 days of receiving such an allegation.

The Election Assistance Commission shall award grants for the development of voting systems that produce a voter-verified paper record of each vote cast, are compatible with commodity accessibility devices, and are fully accessible for the use of individuals with disabilities.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 22, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and the Judiciary, 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.