

## HR 6093

### Protecting American Votes and Elections Act of 2018

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space,

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Sep 7, 2018
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Sep 7, 2018
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Sep 12, 2018
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Sep 13, 2018
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Sep 17, 2018
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Sep 20, 2018
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Sep 25, 2018
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Oct 19, 2018
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Dec 20, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jun 13, 2018
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 13, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

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

## **Protecting American Votes and Elections Act of 2018**

This bill amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require voting systems for federal elections to use durable, paper ballots. Systems must make ballots available for verification by the voter before the vote is cast.

Each ballot shall be suitable for a manual audit and shall be counted by hand in any recount or audit.

The bill sets forth a rule for the treatment of disputes when paper ballots have been compromised.

The bill revises requirements for accessible voting for individuals with disabilities to require paper ballots and accessibility for individuals who are mobility and dexterity impaired.

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

Each state and jurisdiction shall audit the results of all federal elections.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 13, 2018:** Introduced in House
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