

S 1321

Defending the Integrity of Voting Systems Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: May 6, 2019

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 116-179.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 116-179. (Oct 20, 2020)

Law: 116-179 (Enacted Oct 20, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1321>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		May 6, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 6, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 22, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 30, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 482	Related bill	Dec 18, 2019: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 389.
116 HR 3238	Identical bill	Jun 28, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Oct 20, 2020)

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This bill broadens the definition of *protected computer*, for purposes of computer fraud and abuse offenses, to include a computer that is part of a voting system.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 20, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 20, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-179.
- **Oct 9, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Ms. Jackson Lee moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4581-4582)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1321.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 21, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4581)
- **Sep 21, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 30, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jul 19, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 19, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jul 18, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 17, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4915; text: CR S4915)
- **Jul 17, 2019:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4915; text: CR S4915)
- **May 22, 2019:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Graham without amendment. Without written report.
- **May 22, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 95.
- **May 16, 2019:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 6, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 6, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.