

HR 1582

Electronic Message Preservation Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 7, 2019
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 13, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 7, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Electronic Message Preservation Act

This bill requires the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to regulate federal agency preservation of electronic messages that are federal records.

NARA's regulations must (1) require the electronic capture, management, and preservation of such records in accordance with the Federal Records Act; (2) require such records to be retrievable through electronic searches; (3) include timelines for federal agency implementation of the regulations that ensure compliance as expeditiously as practicable; (4) establish functional requirements for electronic records management systems and a process to ensure that such systems meet the functional requirements; and (5) include requirements for the capture, management, and preservation of other electronic records.

Agencies must publicly report on their compliance with the regulations.

NARA must (1) establish standards for the management of electronic presidential records during a President's term of office, (2) certify annually whether a President's electronic records management controls meet the requirements of the Presidential Records Act, and (3) report after the conclusion of a President's term of office regarding electronic records deposited into the presidential archival depository and whether electronic records management controls met specified requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 13, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Mar 12, 2019:** Ms. Norton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 12, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2665-2667)
- **Mar 12, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1582.
- **Mar 12, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2666)
- **Mar 12, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2666)
- **Mar 12, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 7, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 7, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.