

## HR 197

Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

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Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jan 3, 2019
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Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jan 28, 2019
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2019

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Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Mar 7, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 3, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 71	Related bill	<b>Jan 9, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Jan 3, 2019)

### Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act

This bill sets forth requirements and limitations with respect to the removal from office of a special counsel appointed by the Attorney General, or of another official appointed by the Attorney General who exercises a similar degree of independence from the Department of Justice (DOJ) chain of command.

Specifically, a special counsel or other appointed official

- may only be removed by the Attorney General or the most senior Senate-confirmed DOJ official, in certain circumstances;
- may only be removed for misconduct, dereliction of duty, incapacity, conflict of interest, or other good cause;
- must be provided written notice that specifies the reason for removal; and
- may file an action to challenge the removal not later than 10 days after notice was provided.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.