# S 2639

Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act

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**Chamber:** Senate
**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics
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## Sponsor

**Name:**  Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]
**Party:** Democratic  •  **State:** NM  •  **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors  (11 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI] | D · WI | | Oct 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO] | D · CO | | Oct 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT] | D · CT | | Oct 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | Oct 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI] | D · HI | | Oct 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA] | D · MA | | Oct 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR] | D · OR | | Oct 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT] | I · VT | | Oct 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD] | D · MD | | Oct 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI] | D · RI | | Oct 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY | | Oct 23, 2019 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Rules and Administration Committee | Senate | Referred To | Oct 17, 2019 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 S 5070 | Related bill | **Dec 19, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 116 HR 9029 | Related bill | **Dec 18, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, House Administration, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Rules, Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, and 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. |
| 116 S 2232 | Related bill | **Jul 23, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. |
| 116 HR 1612 | Related bill | **Apr 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. |
| 116 S 949 | Related bill | **Mar 28, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 116 HR 1 | Related bill | **Mar 14, 2019:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 39. |
| 116 HR 1272 | Related bill | **Feb 14, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration. |

## Summary  (as of Oct 17, 2019)

**Restoring Integrity to America's Elections Act**

This bill revises provisions regarding the Federal Election Commission (FEC), including to change FEC membership.

The bill reduces the number of members of the FEC from eight to five, including by removing the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House as ex officio members. No more than two members may be affiliated with the same political party.

A Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel shall recommend to the President individuals for nomination to the FEC.

The President shall appoint the FEC chair, subject to Senate confirmation.

The bill distributes the FEC's powers between the chair and the other FEC members.

The bill modifies the process for (1) the FEC to initiate an investigation, and (2) a party aggrieved by the FEC's dismissal of the party's complaint or the FEC's failure to take action on the party's complaint.

Persons who submit written comments regarding requests for advisory opinions must be given an opportunity to appear at FEC hearings on such requests.

The FEC's administrative penalty authority is extended permanently.

FEC forms must allow for the use of an accent mark as part of a person's identification.

The bill provides statutory authority for limitations on ex parte communications as applied to FEC members and employees.

The bill specifies that FEC attorneys may represent the FEC before the Supreme Court.

## Actions Timeline

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