

## HR 2660

Election Security Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	May 10, 2019
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	May 10, 2019
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 12, 2019
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	May 10, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 28, 2019
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	May 10, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8697	Related bill	<b>Oct 27, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).
116 HR 2722	Related bill	<b>Jun 28, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
116 S 2053	Related bill	<b>Jun 28, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
116 S 1540	Related bill	<b>May 16, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
116 HR 2652	Related bill	<b>May 9, 2019:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

## Election Security Act of 2019

This bill addresses election security through grant programs and requirements for voting systems and paper ballots.

The bill establishes requirements for voting systems, including that systems (1) use individual, durable, voter-verified paper ballots; (2) make a voter's marked ballot available for inspection and verification by the voter before the vote is cast; (3) ensure that individuals with disabilities are given an equivalent opportunity to vote, including with privacy and independence, in a manner that produces a voter-verified paper ballot; and (4) be manufactured in the United States.

The National Science Foundation must award grants to study, test, and develop accessible voter-verified paper ballot voting and best practices to enhance the accessibility of such voting for individuals with disabilities, for voters whose primary language is not English, and for voters with difficulties in literacy.

The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) must award grants to states to (1) replace certain voting systems, carry out voting system security improvements, and implement and model best practices for ballot design, ballot instructions, and the testing of ballots; and (2) conduct risk-limiting audits.

The bill provides for information sharing with states regarding threats to election infrastructure.

The Department of Homeland Security must issue a national strategy to protect against cyberattacks, influence operations, disinformation campaigns, and other activities that could undermine the security and integrity of democratic institutions.

The EAC must provide for the testing of voting system hardware and software and decertify such technology that does not meet guidelines.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 28, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jun 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation.
- **May 10, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 10, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Science, Space, and Technology, Foreign Affairs, and the Judiciary, 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.
- **May 10, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.