

HR 2722

Securing America's Federal Elections Act

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Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 24, 2019
Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		Jun 25, 2019
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Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		Jun 25, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Reported By	Jun 26, 2019
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 28, 2019
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Discharged From	Jun 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2238	Related bill	Jul 23, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
116 HR 2660	Related bill	Jun 28, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
116 S 2053	Related bill	Jun 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
116 HRES 460	Related bill	Jun 25, 2019: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
116 S 1540	Related bill	May 16, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
116 HR 2652	Related bill	May 9, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
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.

Summary (as of Jun 27, 2019)

Securing America's Federal Elections Act or the SAFE Act

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; (4) be manufactured in the United States; and (5) meet specified cybersecurity requirements, including the prohibition of the connection of a voting system to the internet.

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 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.

States must carry out postelection risk-limiting audits for all federal elections, funded by the EAC.

States may use elections requirements payments from the EAC to carry out activities related to election security.

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

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 28, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 460. (consideration: CR H5207-5223)
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2722 and H.R. 3351. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2722 under a closed rule with one hour of general debate. Also, the resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3351 under a structured rule with one hour of general debate.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 2722.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rule 19, the Chair postponed further proceedings on H.R. 2722.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5243-5246)
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Mr. Davis, Rodney moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on House Administration.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rodney Davis (IL) motion to recommit with instructions, pending reservation of a point of order. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to add a new section to the bill that would require each chief state election official to disclose the identity of any foreign national with access to certain voting materials, including ballots or voting machines. Subsequently, the point of order was withdrawn.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 189 - 220 (Roll no. 427).
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 225 - 184 (Roll no. 428).(text: CR H4207-4214)
- **Jun 27, 2019:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 225 - 184 (Roll no. 428). (text: CR H4207-4214)
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 116-129, Part I.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Committee on Science, Space, and Technology discharged.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 94.
- **Jun 24, 2019:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 460 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2722 and H.R. 3351. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2722 under a closed rule with one hour of general debate. Also, the resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3351 under a structured rule with one hour of general debate.
- **Jun 21, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 21, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 6 - 3.
- **May 14, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 14, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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.