HR 4617

Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy Act

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Chamber: House
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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Oct 21, 2019
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Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Oct 21, 2019
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Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Oct 21, 2019
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Reported By	Oct 21, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged From	Oct 21, 2019
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8347	Related bill	**Sep 22, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 6088	Related bill	**Mar 4, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 HRES 650	Procedurally related	**Oct 23, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
116 S 2669	Related bill	**Oct 23, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
116 HR 4703	Related bill	**Oct 16, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 HR 4612	Related bill	**Oct 4, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 HR 3442	Related bill	**Jul 30, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 HR 4114	Related bill	**Jul 30, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 S 2242	Related bill	**Jul 23, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
116 HR 3873	Related bill	**Jul 22, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 HR 3281	Related bill	**Jun 28, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
116 S 1834	Related bill	**Jun 13, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Oct 23, 2019)

Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy Act or the SHIELD Act

This bill establishes a duty to report election interference from foreign entities, applies existing campaign advertising requirements to online advertisements, and generally limits political spending and election interference by foreign entities.

Specifically, a political committee must report certain foreign contacts involving an offer of unlawful election assistance to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Election Commission. The bill establishes criminal penalties for violations of these requirements.

This bill establishes that an alien engaging in improper election interference shall be deportable and inadmissible into the United States.

Existing requirements for political advertisements and electioneering communications apply to internet and digital advertisements, including requirements related to disclosures and contributions. Additionally, large online platforms must maintain a public database of certain political advertisements.

The bill prohibits the distribution of certain deceptive audio or visual media within 60 days of an election.

The bill places limitations on political spending by foreign entities. Specifically, foreign entities may not (1) contribute to campaigns related to ballot initiatives and referenda, or (2) make disbursements for certain internet activity referring to a candidate or a political issue.

A candidate is prohibited from offering to share nonpublic campaign information with certain foreign entities.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 28, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Rule H. Res. 650 passed House.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 650. (consideration: CR H8410-8442)
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4617 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit with or without instructions allowed.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 650 and Rule XVIII.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Henry Cuellar to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 4617.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the DeSaulnier amendment No. 1.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lesko amendment No. 2.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Lesko amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment, and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mrs. Lesko demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lynch amendment No. 3.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Levin (MI) amendment No. 4.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Langevin amendment No. 5.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Swalwell (CA) amendment No. 6.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Brown (MD) amendment No. 7.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Delgado amendment No. 8.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Houlahan amendment No. 9.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Slotkin amendment No. 10.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Sherrill amendment No. 11.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cunningham amendment No. 12.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cunningham amendment No. 13.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 650, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Spanberger amendment No. 14.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on the Lesko amendment, which was debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 4617.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Mr. Davis, Rodney moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on House Administration. (text: CR H8439-8440)
- **Oct 23, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes on the Rodney Davis (IL) motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an

amendment to strike subsection (b) of section 1 and all that follows and insert the text of the bill entitled the "Honest Elections Act".

- **Oct 23, 2019:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 182 - 225 (Roll no. 582).
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 227 - 181 (Roll no. 583).
- **Oct 23, 2019:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 227 - 181 (Roll no. 583).
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 22, 2019:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 650 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4617 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit with or without instructions allowed.
- **Oct 21, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 116-246, Part I.
- **Oct 21, 2019:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Oct 21, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 196.
- **Oct 16, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 16, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 6 - 1.
- **Oct 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 8, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on 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.

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