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Verifiable, Orderly, and Timely Election Results Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Sep 24, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]

Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 24, 2020)

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This bill establishes certain requirements for voting by mail in federal elections, including by requiring mail-in ballots to be received by the time the polls close on election day. Further, the bill requires states to count all eligible ballots within 24 hours after the election.

In addition, the bill makes it unlawful to possess or return a mail-in ballot completed by another person (commonly referred to as ballot harvesting), with exceptions. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to one year, or both.

Actions Timeline

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