

## HR 4718

Polling Access Safety Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Oct 17, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Nov 15, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/4718>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Nov 18, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Nov 18, 2019
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Nov 18, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Nov 18, 2019
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		May 26, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Oct 17, 2019
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 4, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 15, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Oct 17, 2019)

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### Polling Access Safety Act of 2019

This bill limits immigration enforcement in relation to polling places and establishes various requirements related to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Absent exigent circumstances, the following are prohibited on a voting day: (1) immigration enforcement actions within one mile of a polling place; (2) identification checks at a polling place by a federal officer or employee; and (3) DHS-conducted temporary vehicle checkpoints, public transportation searches, and public training exercises.

State election administrations shall post notice of such prohibitions at each polling place on a voting day. Information acquired in violation of such prohibitions may not be used to initiate deportation proceedings.

DHS shall establish a training program for certain officers and employees on compliance with federal laws limiting certain political activities of federal employees and officers (e.g., the Hatch Act).

The bill establishes three positions to monitor and ensure compliance with the bill. These positions shall be within the DHS Office of Inspector General, the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and the Office of Special Counsel.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Nov 4, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
- **Oct 17, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 17, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and House Administration, 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.