

## HR 2388

Honest Elections and Campaign, No Gain Act

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Apr 8, 2021
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### Related Bills

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## Honest Elections and Campaign, No Gain Act

This bill establishes certain requirements for disbursing unused funds after a federal election. The bill also requires former candidates serving as registered lobbyists or foreign agents to comply with disbursement requirements.

Specifically, the bill requires each authorized committee or leadership political action committee (PAC) of a candidate to disburse all unused funds within a specified time period beginning after an election or before the candidate registers as a lobbyist or foreign agent, unless the candidate files to run for office again before the disbursement period begins.

A committee or PAC disbursing unspent funds shall first pay any obligations incurred. If funds are left over, the committee or PAC may only disburse the funds in one or more of the following ways: (1) returning funds to donors; (2) making contributions to nonprofit organizations; and (3) transferring funds without limitation to a national, state, or local committee of a political party. The bill generally prohibits disbursements to relatives of the candidate.

A former candidate must, in order to register as a lobbyist or foreign agent, comply with the disbursement requirements outlined by this bill.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Apr 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 8, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on 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.