

## HR 2994

Accountability for Acting Officials Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

**Latest Action:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. (Jul 20, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		May 4, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		May 4, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		May 4, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 4, 2021
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		May 4, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		May 4, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		May 4, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		May 4, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Markup By	Jul 20, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5314	Related bill	<b>Dec 13, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate.
117 S 2921	Related bill	<b>Sep 30, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## **Accountability for Acting Officials Act**

This bill makes a series of changes with respect to the appointment, tenure, and qualifications of acting officials of executive agencies.

Among other things, the bill specifies that, for a position that requires an appointment by the President (by and with the advice and consent of the Senate),

- the first assistant to the office may temporarily fill the position only if the individual has been the first assistant for at least 30 days during the preceding year;
- an officer or employee of the agency who is directed by the President to temporarily fill the position may only do so if the officer or employee has served at the agency for at least the entire preceding year (rather than 90 days); and
- an individual who is a presidential appointee and is directed by the President to temporarily fill the position, including an acting Inspector General, must possess the requisite qualifications for the position as provided by law or regulation.

The bill also limits the tenure of acting heads of agencies to no more than 120 days (rather than 210 days).

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 20, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 25 - 16.
- **Jul 20, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 4, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 4, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.