

HR 3867

Every Vote Counts Act

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Sponsor

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Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jun 14, 2021
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Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 17, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jun 24, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Oct 27, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Nov 30, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jan 19, 2022
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2022
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Mar 3, 2022
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Mar 16, 2022
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Apr 18, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jun 14, 2021
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2358	Related bill	Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 S 2093	Related bill	Sep 15, 2021: Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure withdrawn by unanimous consent in Senate. (CR S6516-6517)
117 S 1	Related bill	Aug 11, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 123.
117 S 954	Related bill	Mar 24, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 HR 1	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Received in the Senate.
117 HR 776	Related bill	Feb 3, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

Summary (as of Jun 14, 2021)

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This bill requires states to take certain actions to facilitate absentee voting for federal elections.

First, the bill requires each state to establish an absentee ballot tracking program to track and confirm receipt of absentee ballots for federal elections. The Election Assistance Commission must make payments to states for establishing these programs.

Next, the bill requires each state to provide in each county secured drop boxes at which individuals may drop off their completed absentee ballots for federal elections.

These drop boxes must be (1) available beginning 45 days before the election; (2) accessible to individuals with disabilities and individuals with limited proficiency in the English language; (3) accessible by public transit; (4) available during all hours of the day; and (5) located in all communities within the county, including rural communities and on tribal lands. States must also post the requirements for absentee ballots to be counted and tabulated in the election.

Further, the bill outlines additional requirements that a state must meet in determining the number and location of drop boxes.

The bill also requires the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop alternatives to signature matching for verifying the identity of an individual who is voting by absentee ballot.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
- **Jun 14, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 14, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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.