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Electoral Count Reform and Presidential Transition Improvement Act of 2022

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

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

Cosponsors (38 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Romney, Mitt [R-UT]	R · UT		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Jul 20, 2022
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Aug 6, 2022
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Aug 6, 2022
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 21, 2022
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 21, 2022
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Sep 21, 2022
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 22, 2022
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 28, 2022
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Sep 28, 2022
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 28, 2022
Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]	R · KY		Sep 28, 2022
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 29, 2022
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Sep 29, 2022
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 29, 2022
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2022
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 29, 2022
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Sep 29, 2022
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 14, 2022
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 14, 2022
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Nov 14, 2022
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 14, 2022
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Nov 14, 2022
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Nov 14, 2022
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Dec 19, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 18, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8846	Identical bill	Sep 15, 2022: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and Rules, 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.
117 HR 8824	Identical bill	Sep 14, 2022: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and Rules, 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.

Summary (as of Oct 18, 2022)

Electoral Count Reform and Presidential Transition Improvement Act of 2022

This bill revises the process of casting and counting electoral votes for presidential elections. The bill also revises provisions related to the presidential transition process.

The bill specifies that the choice of electors must occur in accordance with the laws of the state enacted prior to election day.

Additionally, the bill identifies each state's governor (unless otherwise identified in the laws or constitution of a state in effect on election day) as responsible for submitting the certificate of ascertainment identifying the state's electors. Further, the bill provides for expedited judicial review for any action brought by an aggrieved presidential or vice-presidential candidate arising under the U.S. Constitution or U.S. laws with respect to the issuance or transmission of such a certificate.

The bill revises the framework for the joint session of Congress to count electoral votes and make a formal declaration of which candidates have been elected President and Vice President. Among other changes, the bill (1) specifies that the role of the Vice President during the joint session shall be ministerial in nature, and (2) raises the objection threshold in Congress to at least one-fifth of the duly chosen and sworn members of both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The bill also revises the presidential transition process, including to (1) allow more than one candidate to receive federal transition resources under certain circumstances, and (2) require additional reporting by the General Services Administration.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 18, 2022:** Committee on Rules and Administration. Reported by Senator Klobuchar under authority of the order of the Senate of 10/14/2022 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Oct 18, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 529.
- **Sep 27, 2022:** Committee on Rules and Administration. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Jul 20, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 20, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3545-3546)