

## HR 4638

Solving an Overlooked Loophole in Votes for Executives (SOLVE) Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jul 22, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Nov 1, 2022)

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8528	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 S 2460	Identical bill	<b>Jul 22, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

## **Solving an Overlooked Loophole in Votes for Executives (SOLVE) Act**

This bill establishes the Twentieth Amendment Section Four Panel, which must recommend to Congress model legislation to resolve any vacancy created by the death of a candidate in a contingent presidential or vice-presidential election. Such panel terminates 90 days after submitting its final report.

(The Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution requires that presidential and vice-presidential candidates gain a majority of electoral votes to win an election. In the event that no candidate wins a majority of electoral votes, the Twelfth Amendment requires the House of Representatives to elect the President and the Senate to elect the Vice President, which is known as a contingent election. The Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution allows Congress to establish a process in the case of the death of a candidate in a contingent presidential or vice-presidential election.)

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jul 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 22, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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