

## HR 546

Effective Assistance of Counsel in the Digital Era Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jan 28, 2021

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Feb 25, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/546>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]

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

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Feb 11, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2021
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Effective Assistance of Counsel in the Digital Era Act

This bill prohibits the Department of Justice from monitoring the contents of a privileged electronic communication between an incarcerated person and his or her legal representative.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 25, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H610-611)
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 - 11 (Roll no. 36).(text: 02/23/2020 CR H557-558)
- **Feb 24, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 - 11 (Roll no. 36). (text: 02/23/2020 CR H557-558)
- **Feb 24, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Ms. Jackson Lee moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H557-560)
- **Feb 23, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 546.
- **Feb 23, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.