

## S 1487

### Protecting Election Administration from Interference Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (May 9, 2023)

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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 9, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 9, 2023
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Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 9, 2023
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 18, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 9, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 11	Related bill	<b>Dec 17, 2024:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
118 S 1	Related bill	<b>Jul 25, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 S 2344	Related bill	<b>Jul 18, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 HR 3130	Identical bill	<b>May 9, 2023:</b> Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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 May 9, 2023)

### Protecting Election Administration from Interference Act of 2023

This bill revises preservation and retention requirements for federal election records. It also revises criminal penalties related to election records and the voting process.

Under current law, election officials must, for a period of 22 months from the federal election, retain and preserve all election-related records and papers. This bill extends the requirement to electronic records and electronic equipment.

Next, the bill directs the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to issue minimum standards and best practices for retaining and preserving records (including electronic records), papers, and electronic equipment, including protocols for observing their preservation, security, and transfer by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and a representative of each political party.

In addition, the bill revises the federal criminal offense related to election records or papers to include reckless disregard of election record requirements resulting in the theft, destruction, concealment, mutilation, or alteration of a record, paper, or electronic equipment.

Further, the bill allows DOJ to demand electronic records and electronic equipment be made available for inspection and generally prohibits DOJ from disclosing this information.

The bill allows DOJ and candidates for federal office to bring an action in a district court to compel compliance with election record requirements.

Finally, the bill extends criminal penalties related to voting interference to include intimidating, threatening, or coercing (or attempting to do so) an individual for processing or scanning ballots, tabulating, canvassing, or certifying voting results.

### Actions Timeline

- **May 9, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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