

## HR 154

### Securing our Elections Act of 2023

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

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## Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Securing our Elections Act of 2023**

This bill establishes certain photo identification requirements for voting in federal elections.

Specifically, the bill prohibits a state or local election official from providing a ballot for a federal election to an individual who does not present valid photo identification.

Next, the bill outlines the availability of provisional ballots and the requirements for counting those ballots. In particular, an individual who does not present a valid photo identification must be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. However, an election official may not determine that the individual is eligible under state law to vote in the election unless, not later than three days after casting the provisional ballot, the individual presents (1) the identification required, or (2) an affidavit attesting that the individual does not possess the identification because of a religious objection to being photographed.

An election official may not allow for voting methods other than in-person voting unless the individual submits the ballot with (1) a copy of their photo identification, or (2) the last four digits of their Social Security number with an affidavit attesting that the individual is unable to obtain a copy of a valid photo identification after making reasonable efforts to obtain a copy. This prohibition shall not apply to overseas military voters.

The bill also requires an election official to provide an individual with a valid photo identification without charge if that individual presents an affidavit attesting to an inability to afford or otherwise obtain a valid photo identification.

## **Actions Timeline**

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