

## HR 1653

PAST Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Mar 17, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability. (Mar 17, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1653>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 17, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8597	Related bill	Jun 3, 2024: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, the Judiciary, Ethics, Financial Services, 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.

## **Promoting Accountability and Security in Transitions Act of 2023 or the PAST Act of 2023**

This bill revises requirements for preservation of presidential records and requires that information be made available to the next administration in a timely fashion.

Specifically, the bill (1) requires the President to receive written guidance from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) before destroying any records, (2) prohibits White House staff from using nonofficial electronic messaging accounts that cannot be easily copied or forwarded to official accounts, (3) establishes consequences for former Presidents who destroy presidential records, (4) requires former Presidents to cover the cost of digitizing records for display in a presidential library, and (5) requires NARA to ensure that newly inaugurated Presidents are granted easy access to national security information.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 17, 2023:** Introduced in House
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