

HR 5046

Preventing Election Subversion Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. (Jul 27, 2023)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Jul 27, 2023
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jul 27, 2023
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jul 27, 2023
Rep. Deluzio, Christopher R. [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Nov 7, 2023
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Nov 17, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jul 27, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 27, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 11	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
118 S 2575	Identical bill	Jul 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 S 1	Related bill	Jul 25, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 S 2344	Related bill	Jul 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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This bill prohibits the removal or suspension of local election administrators except for specified reasons and sets forth additional requirements for federal elections.

Specifically, the bill restricts the ability of a statewide election administrator to remove a local election administrator. A statewide election administrator may suspend, remove, or relieve the duties of a local election administrator only for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance while in office.

Further, the bill directs statewide election administrators to report any removals or suspensions of local election administrators to the Department of Justice.

The bill also establishes certain requirements for challenging an individual's eligibility to register to vote or vote in federal elections. In particular, the bill prohibits any person (other than an election official) from challenging an individual's voting eligibility unless the challenge is supported by personal knowledge.

Actions Timeline

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