

HR 8281

SAVE Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]

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

Cosponsors (104 total)

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Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		May 7, 2024
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Rep. Bishop, Dan [R-NC-8]	R · NC		May 7, 2024
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Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		May 7, 2024
Rep. Clyde, Andrew S. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		May 7, 2024
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		May 7, 2024
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		May 7, 2024
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Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		May 7, 2024
Rep. Fallon, Pat [R-TX-4]	R · TX		May 7, 2024
Rep. Feenstra, Randy [R-IA-4]	R · IA		May 7, 2024
Rep. Fischbach, Michelle [R-MN-7]	R · MN		May 7, 2024
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Rep. Garcia, Mike [R-CA-27]	R · CA		May 7, 2024
Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]	R · LA		May 7, 2024
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		May 7, 2024
Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]	R · TN		May 7, 2024
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		May 7, 2024
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		May 7, 2024
Rep. Houchin, Erin [R-IN-9]	R · IN		May 7, 2024
Rep. Hunt, Wesley [R-TX-38]	R · TX		May 7, 2024
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		May 7, 2024
Rep. Langworthy, Nicholas A. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		May 7, 2024
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		May 7, 2024
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		May 7, 2024
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-5]	R · CA		May 7, 2024
Rep. McCormick, Richard [R-GA-6]	R · GA		May 7, 2024
Rep. Miller, Mary E. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		May 7, 2024
Rep. Moore, Barry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		May 7, 2024
Rep. Nehls, Troy E. [R-TX-22]	R · TX		May 7, 2024
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		May 7, 2024
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		May 7, 2024
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		May 7, 2024
Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]	R · LA		May 7, 2024
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		May 7, 2024
Rep. Self, Keith [R-TX-3]	R · TX		May 7, 2024

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Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		May 7, 2024
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-24]	R · NY		May 7, 2024
Rep. Weber, Randy K. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		May 7, 2024
Rep. Williams, Brandon [R-NY-22]	R · NY		May 7, 2024
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		May 7, 2024
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		May 10, 2024
Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	R · FL		May 10, 2024
Rep. Crane, Elijah [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		May 10, 2024
Rep. Fulcher, Russ [R-ID-1]	R · ID		May 10, 2024
Rep. Issa, Darrell [R-CA-48]	R · CA		May 10, 2024
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		May 10, 2024
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		May 14, 2024
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		May 14, 2024
Rep. Edwards, Chuck [R-NC-11]	R · NC		May 14, 2024
Rep. Good, Bob [R-VA-5]	R · VA		May 14, 2024
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		May 14, 2024
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		May 14, 2024
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		May 14, 2024
Rep. Ogles, Andrew [R-TN-5]	R · TN		May 14, 2024
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		May 14, 2024
Rep. Burlison, Eric [R-MO-7]	R · MO		May 17, 2024
Rep. Finstad, Brad [R-MN-1]	R · MN		May 17, 2024
Rep. Lee, Laurel M. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		May 17, 2024
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		May 17, 2024
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		May 17, 2024
Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		May 17, 2024
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		May 22, 2024
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		May 22, 2024
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		May 22, 2024
Rep. Moran, Nathaniel [R-TX-1]	R · TX		May 22, 2024
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		May 22, 2024
Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	R · UT		May 22, 2024
Rep. Rosendale, Matthew M. [R-MT-2]	R · MT		May 22, 2024
Rep. Timmons, William R. [R-SC-4]	R · SC		May 22, 2024
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		May 22, 2024
Rep. Collins, Mike [R-GA-10]	R · GA		May 23, 2024
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		May 23, 2024
Rep. Hagedorn, Harriet M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		May 28, 2024
Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]	R · TN		May 31, 2024
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jun 3, 2024
Rep. Bean, Aaron [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Jun 3, 2024
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Jun 3, 2024

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Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Jun 3, 2024
Rep. Franklin, Scott [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Jun 3, 2024
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Jun 3, 2024
Rep. Letlow, Julia [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Jun 3, 2024
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jun 3, 2024
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Jun 3, 2024
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Jun 4, 2024
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Jun 7, 2024
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Jun 7, 2024
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jun 11, 2024
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Jun 11, 2024
Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Jun 11, 2024
Rep. Mills, Cory [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Jun 11, 2024
Rep. Kiggans, Jennifer A. [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Jun 12, 2024
Rep. Luna, Anna Paulina [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Jun 12, 2024
Rep. McClain, Lisa C. [R-MI-9]	R · MI		Jun 12, 2024
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Jun 12, 2024
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-9]	R · AZ		Jun 13, 2024
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jun 13, 2024
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jun 13, 2024
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jun 13, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Unknown	Jul 10, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HRES 1341	Related bill	Jul 9, 2024: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
118 S 4292	Identical bill	May 8, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act or the SAVE Act

This bill requires individuals to provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship in order to register to vote in federal elections.

Specifically, the bill prohibits states from accepting and processing an application to register to vote in a federal election unless the applicant presents documentary proof of U.S. citizenship.

Further, the bill (1) prohibits states from registering an individual to vote in a federal election unless, at the time the individual applies to register to vote, the individual provides documentary proof of U.S. citizenship; and (2) requires states to establish an alternative process under which an applicant may submit other evidence to demonstrate U.S. citizenship.

Each state must take affirmative steps on an ongoing basis to ensure that only U.S. citizens are registered to vote, which shall include establishing a program to identify individuals who are not U.S. citizens using information supplied by specified sources.

Additionally, the bill requires states to remove noncitizens from their official lists of eligible voters.

The bill allows for a private right of action against an election official who registers an applicant to vote in a federal election who fails to present documentary proof of U.S. citizenship.

The bill establishes criminal penalties for certain offenses, including registering an applicant to vote in a federal election who fails to present documentary proof of U.S. citizenship.

The Election Assistance Commission must, within 10 days, adopt and transmit guidance for implementing the bill's requirements to chief state election officials.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 23, 2024:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 439.
- **Jul 11, 2024:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time. (Legislative Day July 10, 2024).
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1341. (consideration: CR H4556-4567)
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8281, H.J. Res. 165, H.R. 8772, H.R. 7637 and H.R. 7700 The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 8772 under a structured rule and H.R. 8281, H.J. Res. 165, H.R. 7700, and H.R. 7637 under a closed rule. Rule provides for one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Jul 10, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 8281.
- **Jul 10, 2024:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Ms. Sewell moved to recommit to the Committee on House Administration. (text: CR H4566)
- **Jul 10, 2024:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Jul 10, 2024:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 8281, the Chair put the question on the motion to recommit and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Steil demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4567-4568)
- **Jul 10, 2024:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 184 - 197 (Roll no. 344).
- **Jul 10, 2024:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - The Chair put the question on passage of H.R. 8281 and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Ms. Lee (FL) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4569)
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 221 - 198 (Roll no. 345). (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H4556-4559)
- **Jul 10, 2024:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 221 - 198 (Roll no. 345). (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H4556-4559)
- **Jul 10, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 9, 2024:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1341 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8281, H.J. Res. 165, H.R. 8772, H.R. 7637 and H.R. 7700 The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 8772 under a structured rule and H.R. 8281, H.J. Res. 165, H.R. 7700, and H.R. 7637 under a closed rule. Rule provides for one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Jun 14, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 118-552.
- **Jun 14, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 455.
- **May 23, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **May 23, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 6 - 1.
- **May 7, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **May 7, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.