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Defending America’s Future Elections Act

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No related bills are listed.

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This bill nullifies an executive order that restricts voting in federal elections and prohibits federal funds from being used to implement, administer, enforce, or carry out the executive order. The bill also prohibits federal funds from being appropriated or transferred to, or used by, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to access federal immigration databases or records related to federal elections.

Specifically, the bill nullifies [Executive Order 14248](#), titled *Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections*, which was signed by President Donald Trump on March 25, 2025.

Among other elements, the order that is being nullified by this bill directs the Election Assistance Commission to update the national mail voter registration form to require individuals to provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote in federal elections. The order specifies what documents are considered acceptable proof of U.S. citizenship, such as a U.S. passport or identification that complies with the REAL ID Act of 2005 and indicates U.S. citizenship.

The bill also prohibits federal funds from being appropriated or transferred to, or used by, DOGE to access state voter registration lists, records concerning voter list maintenance activities, federal immigration databases, or other public or private state records related to federal elections.

Actions Timeline

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