



H.R. 1, the For the People Act of 2021

Overview of Technical Changes

Constitutional Girding: Protects the legislation’s provisions against future constitutional questions or challenges by clarifying and expanding findings language, including venue requirements and amending existing language.

Pandemic Voting Upgrades: Incorporates best practices and lessons learned from recent experience promoting safe and accessible voting in the 2020 election. The House of Representatives approved similar provisions as part of the Heroes Act and the Updated Heroes Act in the 116th Congress.

Anti-Foreign Interference Upgrades: Incorporates best practices and lessons learned from recent experience preventing foreign interference in the 2020 election. The House of Representatives approved similar provisions as part of the SHIELD Act in the 116th Congress.

Miscellaneous Adjustments, Effective Dates & Related Technical Revisions: Moves forward effective dates by two years, with limited related adjustments to navigate temporal implementation risks.

Constitutional Girding

- Includes Global Findings Section to Ground Constitutionality of Legislation (§3)
- Includes Venue Requirements for Constitutional Challenges (§4)
- Updates Automatic Voter Registration Findings (§1011)
- Includes Disclaimer Clarification Regarding Pre-Registration for 16 & 17-Year Olds (§1094)
- Updates Findings Relating to District of Columbia Statehood (§2201)
- Updates Findings Relating to Illicit Money Undermining Our Democracy (§4001)
- Updates Findings Relating to *Citizens United* Decision (§5001)

Pandemic Voting Upgrades

- Expands Access to Vote By Mail (§1621) – Heroes Act, H.R. 6800
- Permits States to Extend Deadline for Receipt of Ballots Beyond 10-Day Minimum (§1621) – Heroes Act, H.R. 6800
- Expands Notice Responsibilities & Cure Opportunities for States that Require Signature Match for Mailed Balloting (§1005, §1621) – Heroes Act, H.R. 6800
- Allows Absentee Ballot Requests Online and By Telephone (§1622) – Heroes Act, H.R. 6800
- Provides Dedicated Funding for Absentee Ballot Tracking (§1622) – Heroes Act, H.R. 6800
- Establishes Voting Material Postage Provisions (§1623) – Heroes Act, H.R. 6800
- Requires Transmission of Blank Absentee Ballots Under UOCAVA to Certain Voters (§1706) – Heroes Act, H.R. 6800
- Strengthens Tribal Land Accommodations in Election Administration (§1904, §2413)
- Establishes Uniform Standards to Limit Polling Place Wait Times (§1906)
- Establishes Minimum Ballot Drop Box Deployment & Standards (§1907)
- Prevents the Prohibition of Curbside Voting (§1908) – Heroes Act, H.R. 6800

Anti-Foreign Interference Upgrades

- Clarifies Definition of Qualified Election Infrastructure Vendor (§3001)
- Includes ‘Duty to Report’ Illicit Offers of Campaign Assistance from Foreign Governments and Their Agents (§4001-§4006) – SHIELD Act, H.R.4617
- Prohibits the Establishment of Corporations to Conceal Election Contributions and Donations by Foreign Nationals (§4106) – SHIELD Act, H.R.4617
- Restricts the Exchange of Campaign Information Between Candidates and Foreign Governments and Their Agents & Related Provisions (§4401-§4441) – SHIELD Act, H.R.4617
- Requires U.S. Credit Card Verification for Purchasing Online Advertisements (§4209)
- Includes Exemption to Shareholder Disclosure to Avoid Tripping Foreign National Ban (§4602)

Miscellaneous Adjustments, Effective Dates & Related Technical Revisions

- Moves Forward the Implementation Dates by Two Years
- Includes Technical Revision to Prohibition on State Officials Using Official Authorities to Affect the Results of Elections (§1821)
- Increases Transparency of Decision-Making Inputs for Independent Redistricting Commissions & Opportunity for Review By Public (§2415)
- Secures Cost Savings By Removing Interest-Bearing Securities Requirement (Deletion of §541(c))
- Includes Judicial Advertisement Disbursements in Dark Money Disclosure Reforms (§4105, §4111-§4113)
- Includes of Executive Branch Comprehensive Ethics Enforcement Act as Reported by Oversight Committee in 116th Congress (§8001-§8007)
- Removes Transition Ethics Provisions Passed Into Law as Part of Presidential Transition Enhancement Act of 2019 (§8051-§8052)