

# FOR THE PEOPLE ACT – H.R.1

## Background

In early 2019, in preparation for the 2020 general election, Democrats started a two-pronged push to change election laws and procedures at the federal level as well as in swing states. Pelosi failed to pass the “For the People Act of 2019” with a Republican-controlled Senate, but Marc Elias and his cohorts were successful in their legal challenges in many battleground states, including Georgia, Arizona, Virginia, North Carolina, and Michigan, to expand mail-in ballots, loosen voter ID and signature matching requirements, and count ballots after the Election Day.

On 4 January 2021, the first day the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress was in session, House Democrats reintroduced the “For the People Act,” known as H.R.1. Soon after, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer announced that the Senate would consider it before any other bill, designating it as S.1.

## Democrat’s Talking Points

According to Representative John Sarbanes (D-Md), who introduced the bill in the House, “The 2020 election underscored the need for comprehensive, structural democracy reform. Americans across the country were forced to overcome rampant voter suppression, gerrymandering and a torrent of special-interest dark money just to exercise their vote and their voice in our democracy.

We will clean up corruption in Washington, empower the American people and restore faith and integrity to our government. H.R.1 will get us there. “

## Democrat’s Real Agenda

Election fraud is nothing new in American politics. However, 2020 exposed the scale of fraud, the depth of mismanagement and last-minute unconstitutional rules changes in swing states that caused many Americans to question the fairness and accuracy of our election system. A recent Rasmussen poll shows that less than half of registered voters view Joe Biden as the legitimate winner; among Republicans, only 12%. Clearly, the system is broken.

Common sense election integrity measures such as requiring voter ID, not allowing non-citizens to vote, and making sure people can’t vote more than once have nothing to do with suppressing the vote. They are mechanisms to ensure that every legitimate vote is counted and not diluted by election fraud, machine glitch, human error, or cancelled out by an illegal one.

Ironically, under the guise of protecting democracy, H.R.1 violates Article I, section 4 of our Constitution, which gives state legislatures the primary authority over election rules. It’s a federal takeover of our election process without any safeguards against voting irregularities or any intent to restore trust in the system. Pelosi and Schumer are either tone deaf, or more maliciously, they want to legitimize the illegal voting that jettisoned Biden into the White House.

## The Follies of H.R.1

### 1. Easy to Commit Voting Fraud (*Examples*)

- **Same-day registration:** Election officials have no time to verify the accuracy of voter registration information and cannot anticipate the number of voters, ballots, and precinct workers that will be needed.
- **Early voting:** Voters who vote early don't have the same information as those who vote on Election Day, missing late-breaking developments that could affect their choices.
- **Automatic voter registration:** Registering individuals from state databases, such as DMV and welfare offices may include large numbers of ineligible voters, including aliens as well as multiple or duplicate registrations of the same individuals.
- **Online voter registration:** Constitutes a recipe for massive voter registration fraud by hackers and cyber criminals through online voter registration not tied to existing state records, such as a driver's license.
- **No-fault absentee balloting and ballot harvesting:** Mass mail-in ballots created situations in states like Pennsylvania where ballots cast exceeded registered voters by tens of thousands.
- **Loose Voter ID Requirement:** Allows individuals to vote without an ID and merely signing a statement in which they claim they are who they say they are.

### 2. Weakens Bipartisan Oversight of Election

Reduces the number of Federal Election Commission members from six to five, allowing the political party with three commission seats to control the commission and engage in partisan enforcement activities

### 3. Takes Redistricting Authority Away from State Legislatures

Transfers the right to draw congressional districts from state legislatures to "independent" commissions whose members are unaccountable to voters. H.R.1 makes it a violation of federal law to engage in "partisan" redistricting and mandates inclusion of alien population, both legal and illegal, in all redistricting.

### 4. Lines Politicians' Pockets

Creates public subsidies for campaigns through a six-to-one taxpayer match on small-donor campaign contributions of up to \$200. For every \$200, the federal government will pay \$1,200 of taxpayer dollars to a congressional or presidential campaign. Meaning regardless of whether you support a politician's bid for election, he will get \$1.2 million in public funds if he raises only \$200k from private donors. Permits members of Congress to draw a salary from campaign funds in addition to official compensation.

## **5. Grants Statehood to Washington DC**

Potential for Democrats to maintain the Senate majority by giving them two senate seats.

### **What Can We Do?**

As stated in the Texas lawsuit filed with the Supreme Court in January, "Our constitutional republic has endured for nearly two and a half centuries based on the consent of the governed. That consent is grounded in the confidence of our people in the legitimacy of our institutions of government. Among our most fundamental institutions is the system of free and fair elections that we rely upon, and any erosion in that foundation jeopardizes the stability of our republic."

The "For the People Act" is a wolf disguised in sheep's clothing. It's a bill that lines the pockets of every politician by publicly funding campaigns, federalizes our election system, makes it easier to commit voter fraud, grants statehood to Washington DC, and intends to transform all 50 states into California. It's not a bill for the people, but a bill for the politicians. It's not a bill for the right to vote, but a bill to destroy fair and free elections. It's not a bill for anti-corruption, but a bill for Democrats to corrupt the voting system and maintain one-party rule.

### **The real lessons Washington politicians should have learned from January 6:**

- Law abiding Americans cherish the right to vote and expect only legal votes to be counted
- If people's voices are heard, they don't need to storm the Bastille
- Election laws and procedures need to be tightened against voting fraud and foreign interference

### **Since Democrats control both houses and the Presidency, Republican options are:**

- Filibuster – the bill needs 60 votes in Senate if Schumer and the two centrist Democrats don't vote to revoke Filibuster procedure
- Lawsuits from states

### **As citizens, we should:**

- Get informed about H.R.1 and educate your friends and family
- Call and email representatives in Congress to reject H.R.1
- Write opinion letters to our local newspapers
- Tag Joe Manchin's and Kyrsten Sinema's social media pages and encourage them to vote NO to H.R.1
- Demand Republican-controlled state legislatures to pass election integrity bills
- Participate in activist groups to expose election fraud

**The following are good resources to get informed and get involved:**

1. To learn about 2020 voter fraud cases: <https://www.heritage.org/voterfraud>
2. To learn about state bills on voter integrity: <https://scpolicycouncil.org>
3. To participate in activist groups: Laurie Zapp's <https://engagetheright.com>
4. The Heritage Foundation funded Heritage Action for America <https://heritageaction.com>

**Food for Thought**

The Washington Post editorial board supports universal mail-in voting. Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post. Jeff Bezos also owns the e-commerce tech giant Amazon.com. Workers at Amazon's Bessemer, Alabama warehouse are about to vote whether or not to unionize.

**Jeff Bezos doesn't approve of his employees casting union votes by mail.**

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