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Good things happen when Republicans vote

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The “For the People Act” is for the Power

"I believe that partisan voting legislation will destroy the already weakening binds of our democracy... And, for that reason, I will vote against the For the People Act. Congressional action on federal voting rights legislation must be the result of both Democrats and Republicans coming together to find a pathway forward."

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) Op-ed published Sunday, June 6 in *The Charleston Gazette-Mail*.

Summary

The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1, the “For the People Act of 2021” largely along partisan lines: 220-210. All Republicans voted against the legislation; they were joined by one Democrat (Bennie Thompson of MS).

Senate Democrats are now racing to pass the legislation. The talking points are out: “Republicans are trying to suppress the vote because they can’t win elections.” The truth is that Republicans are trying to protect your vote.

H.R. 1/ S. 1 equates to a partisan, federal takeover of the election process administered by the states, imposing unconstitutional mandates on the states and reversing the decentralization of the American election process.

The Details

- **Force states to implement early voting, automatic voter registration, same-day registration, online voter registration, and no-fault absentee balloting.**
- Make it easier to commit fraud and promote chaos at the polls through same-day registration because election officials would have no time to verify the accuracy of voter registration information, eligibility of an individual to vote, and could not anticipate the number of ballots and the staffing needed at specific polling locations.
- Hurt voter turnout through **15 days of mandated early voting**. Those 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.
- Degrade the accuracy of registration lists by requiring states to **automatically register all individuals (as opposed to “citizens”)** from state and federal databases. This would register large numbers of ineligible voters, including aliens, and cause multiple or duplicate registrations of the same individuals and put federal agencies in charge of determining a person’s domicile for voting purposes (as well as that individual’s taxing state).
- Constitute a recipe for massive voter registration fraud by hackers and cyber-criminals through **online voter registration** that is not tied to an existing state record, such as a driver’s license. It would also **require states to allow 16-year-olds to register**; when combined with a ban on voter ID and restrictions on the ability to challenge the eligibility of a voter, this would effectively ensure that underage individuals could vote with impunity.
- **Mandate no-fault absentee ballots**, which are the tool of choice for vote thieves. It would ban witness signature or notarization requirements for absentee ballots; force states to accept absentee ballots received up to 10 days after Election Day as long as they are postmarked by Election Day; and require states to allow vote harvesting so that any third parties—including campaign staffers, party operatives and political consultants—can pick up and deliver absentee ballots.

- **Prevent election officials from checking the eligibility and qualifications of voters and removing ineligible voters.** It also would substantially limit the public release of voter registration information, making it almost impossible for nonpartisan organizations to verify the accuracy of registration rolls, and prohibit states from using undeliverable election mail as a basis for challenging a registrant's eligibility.
- **Ban state voter ID laws** by forcing states to allow individuals to vote without an ID and merely signing a statement in which they claim they are who they say they are.
- **Require states to restore the ability of felons to vote** the moment they are out of prison regardless of uncompleted parole, probation, or restitution requirements. Section 2 of the Fourteenth Amendment gives states the constitutional authority to decide when felons who committed crimes against their fellow citizens may vote again. *Congress cannot override a constitutional amendment with a statute.*
- **Transfer the legislated responsibility to draw congressional districts from state legislatures to "independent" commissions whose members are unaccountable to voters.** This legislation would make it a violation of federal law to engage in "partisan" redistricting and mandate the inclusion of alien populations, both legal and illegal, in all redistricting. This is an anti-democratic, unconstitutional measure that would take away the ability of the citizens of a state to make their own decisions about redistricting.

And there's much more. To read the full text, visit <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1/text>

Sources: Congress.gov, Forbes, Washington Times, AMAC, Heritage.org, CNN.org

What You Can Do

This legislation may be brought to a vote in the United States Senate as early as this week. Call or email your Senators and ask that they vote "No" on H.R. 1 / S.1, and ask others to do the same.

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