



# Freedom to Cheat Act: A Partisan Federal Takeover of American Elections

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## ANOTHER FEDERAL TAKEOVER OF ELECTIONS

- The newly introduced “Freedom to Vote Act” is a partisan, federal takeover of elections just like past legislation, H.R. 1, The Corrupt Politicians Act, and H.R. 4, The Pelosi Power Grab.
  - [THE WASHINGTON POST](#): “The new Freedom to Vote Act retains significant portions of the For the People Act.”
  - This legislation would override state laws on issues ranging from voter ID, absentee voting, congressional redistricting, early and absentee voting, voter roll maintenance, and more.
- The bill makes it harder for states to remove ineligible voters from the rolls, replace incompetent officials, protect voters from electioneering, and to allow poll observers to monitor voting.
- Instead of allowing communities to determine the best way to run their elections, this bill forces every state, despite obvious logistical difference, to meet Washington’s arbitrary standards.
- The bill overrides the Constitution and restores voting privileges to convicted felons before they complete their sentences or pay victim restitution. The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment expressly leaves felon voting decisions to the states.
- The legislation further undermines states’ abilities to conduct their own elections by dictating specific federal criteria for redrawing congressional districts.

## A DISASTER FOR ELECTION SECURITY ACROSS THE COUNTRY

- The Freedom to Cheat Act undermines existing voter ID laws nationwide.
  - States can no longer require photo ID to vote, even though photo ID laws are supported by [81%](#) of American voters.
  - States would be forced to accept a huge array of IDs as proof of identity, including any government-issued document that contains the voter’s name.
  - The bill lowers the bar even further by creating an unverifiable alternative for voters who can produce no records whatsoever. An adult merely needs to attest that he has known the voter “for at least six months.”

- Democrats claim this is a voter ID “compromise,” but the legislation allows states like California to continue to refuse common sense Voter ID while weakening existing state ID laws.
- The bill forces states to expand mail-in voting, but eliminates commonsense safeguards for these vulnerable ballots:
  - This legislation forces states to allow no-excuse absentee voting.
  - Voter ID, witness signatures, and notary requirements for absentee ballots would be banned. 71% of voters [support](#) photo ID requirements for mail-in ballots.
  - The bill mandates 24-hour drop boxes but does not require that these boxes be monitored or staffed to prevent tampering or illegal ballot trafficking.
  - This bill mandates states accept ballots for 7 days after an election, risking delayed results.
- Beltway Democrats want to mandate same-day voter registration for every state beginning in 2022, risking election integrity as workers have little to no time to verify information.
- Finally, the bill makes it easier for ineligible voters to be registered, and harder to clean up the voter rolls. It requires states to use error-prone automatic voter registration, while hindering effective policies for removing bad registrations.

#### **THIS “COMPROMISE” IS NOTHING BUT A LEFT-WING POWER GRAB**

- Despite attempts to label this bill a compromise, this legislation is nothing more than a partisan power grab by the left—just like H.R. 1 and H.R. 4.
- This legislation allows states to opt into public financing for House races, meaning that Americans’ hard-earned money would be spent funding career politicians’ campaigns.
  - The Democrats supporting this bill want Americans to fund the political campaigns of candidates they don’t agree with, taking away their voice in the political process.