

America needs a secure and just democracy.

The **Freedom to Vote Act** would ensure that voting rights and election security are standardized across all 50 states.

VOTING ACCESS

The Freedom to Vote Act would require every state to offer **early voting** periods for at least two weeks, including nights and weekends, for at least 10 hours per day (with some exceptions for small jurisdictions). It requires states to provide polling locations in easily accessible areas, including accessibility for rural voters, public transportation users, and college students.

States would be required to allow **no-excuse vote by mail.** Any voter could request a ballot online and opt to drop it off at an in-person dropbox.

Election Day would become a **federal holiday.** The bill would also create **automatic voter registration** with driver's license applications, require **same-day** and **online voter registration**, and limit states' ability to **purge voter rolls**.

States would face a **national voter ID** requirement, but it would allow for a wide range of identification, making the new requirement more accommodating than many state voter ID laws.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

The Freedom to Vote Act imposes **criminal penalties** for intentionally deceiving voters. It restores voting rights to the **formerly incarcerated** and prohibits states from **denying voters food and water** while waiting in line for the polls.

REDISTRICTING

States would be banned from **partisan gerrymandering** in favor of a set of neutral redistricting procedures and enhanced judicial remedies in the event that districts are drawn unfairly.

ELECTION SECURITY

States could receive grants to replace **old voting machines** and requires post-election audits. To **prevent election subversion**, political removal of election officials would be banned, and there would be increased penalties for tampering with ballots.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

A new State Election Assistance and Innovation Fund would provide public **matching for small campaign donations** if states opt into the program. The bill would **require disclosure of election financing** for any entity that spends more than \$10,000. **Super PACs** would face stricter standards of independence from candidates.

An overwhelming majority of Americans (69%) support democracy reform.

Polling on the For the People Act, which is wider in scope than the Freedom to Vote Act, showed overwhelming support among the public. The issue of voting rights isn't a matter of left vs. right—it's about common-sense reforms to make sure the voices of the American people are heard.

Sources: Brennan Center for Justice (2021); Data for Progress/Vox (2021)