

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3623

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure and heighten the integrity of elections, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2017

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. CLAY, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. SOTO, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. DINGELL, and Mr. BEYER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Securing and Height-
5 ening the Integrity of our Elections and Lawful Democ-
6 racy Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELECTION INTEGRITY.**

2 Subsection (d) of section 201 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121) is amended by adding
3 at the end the following new paragraph:
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5 “(27)(A) To coordinate cybersecurity efforts between the Department and political campaign committees in order to—

6 “(i) develop a program to update computer security at political campaign committees;

7 “(ii) share information on cybersecurity risks with such committees;

8 “(iii) provide guest lecturer programs in which professional computer security experts instruct campaign professionals on how best to defend against cybersecurity risks; and

9 “(iv) establish an Election Security Board of Advisors to make recommendations about securing elections against cybersecurity risks.

10 “(B) In this paragraph—

11 “(i) the term ‘cybersecurity risk’ has the meaning given such term in section 227; and

12 “(ii) the term ‘political campaign committee’ means—

13 “(I) a political committee under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101 et seq.), including a po-

1 litical committee of a national, State, or
2 local political party; and

3 “(II) a campaign committee of a can-
4 didate for election for State or local of-
5 fice.”.

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