

The Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act

The **Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act** would prohibit federal agencies from entering into agreements with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to conduct voter registration or voter mobilization activities or from using federal funds to carry out such activities.

If passed, the bill would prohibit the actions ordered under President Biden's Executive Order (EO) 14019, titled "Promoting Access to Voting," from being carried out. The actions ordered under EO 14019 are inherently partisan and directed primarily at demographic groups expected to vote for the president's party. This legislation would prevent the Biden administration from using the power, resources, and reach of the federal executive branch, and federal offices located in states across the country, from engaging in voter registration and mobilization efforts designed to benefit Democrats.

WHAT DOES THE PROMOTING FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS ACT DO?

It prohibits the use of federal funding to carry out activities directed under EO 14019, including:

- **1.** Soliciting or **entering into an agreement with a third-party group to conduct voter registration or voter mobilization activities** on federal property anywhere in the country, or on any federal agency website;
- 2. Implementing strategic plans to carry out activities directed under EO 14019 until at least 180 days after submitting to Congress a copy of the plan, unless those activities are required under federal law;
- **3.** Engaging in any voter registration activities outlined in Section 7 of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), until at least 180 days after providing Congress a copy of the agencies' strategic plan to do so under EO 14019, or in the case of those agencies that did not create a strategic plan under EO 14019, only after they have certified to Congress that no such plan exists.*

Prohibited activities include:

- distributing voter-registration application forms
- providing an "information" form that contains information on the voter-registration process
- providing assistance to applicants in completing a registration application form
- accepting completed voter-registration forms
- transmitting each completed applications to state election officials

The bill also includes a requirement that all federal agencies submit to Congress, within 30 days of the bill's effective date, a report describing the activities carried out by the agency pursuant to EO 14019.



BOTTOM LINE

The Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act provides Americans with transparency and reassurance that governing agencies are using taxpayer dollars lawfully and in the best interest of the American people.