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## **Making Election Fraud Legal: HR 1**

The 2021 U.S. House has passed the greatest threat to our election integrity. HR 1 will destroy any hope for fair and honest elections in America—permanently! Even though this bill was referred to 11 House committees, it was jammed through the House floor before one single committee approved it. This 790+ page bill will do all of the following and more:

- 1) Seize authority from the states and place the federal government in complete control of election rules;**
- 2) Ban states' voter ID requirements;**
- 3) Demand online voter registration in all states;**
- 4) Automatically register all individuals over the age of 16 (as opposed to only U.S. citizens);**
- 5) Require a person to opt out who doesn't wish to vote;**
- 6) Register convicted felons;**
- 7) Mandate no-fault absentee ballots and allow ballot harvesting;**
- 8) Force states to accept absentee ballots up to 10 days after Election Day;**
- 9) Allow people to vote outside their precinct;**
- 10) Command states to provide ballots to registered voters by email;**
- 11) Punish anyone who questions the validity of a voter with up to five years in jail and up to \$100,000 fine;**
- 12) Prevents poll watchers from cooperating with election officials to identify and challenge voter registrations concerning fraud;**
- 13) Prohibits states from requiring a full Social Security number, which ends partner states being able to crosscheck voters registered in multiple states;**
- 14) With same-day registration, no ID and no ability to verify a voter, a person can go from precinct to precinct voting multiple times under fake names;**
- 15) And so much more!<sup>1</sup>**

One international study stated that “the United States had the second-lowest integrity score among liberal democracies for elections between 2012 and 2018. The country was ranked at No. 57 overall”<sup>2</sup> in election integrity worldwide.

“*Americans are losing confidence in the fairness of elections.*”<sup>3</sup> Those are the words from 2005 from former Democrat President Jimmy Carter and his associates. However, when you look at what Carter recommended to avoid, those are exactly the opposite of what HR 1 mandates. This bill opens loopholes for fraud on a massive scale!

Under HR 1, a person can vote multiple times in different precincts and even multiple states. The person can use the same name or different names in different precincts—either way, a fraudster will have the absolute right to vote. Poll workers will not be able to stop these people or even question them. Professional fraudsters can have each ballot sent via email, and there would be no physical address or government-issued ID to investigate!

But it gets even worse when you realize all of this can be done online. One person could register thousands of fraudulent voters (like the 8,000 fake voter registrations Carlos Antonio De Bourbon Montenegro submitted in California<sup>4</sup>).

Those who want to increase fraud are worried because states across America are waking up and taking this responsibility seriously. In Georgia, the State Election Board has referred 35 cases of election-law violations. And its state’s house just passed a massive omnibus election integrity bill. The Michigan legislature passed a bill increasing punishments for fraud (later vetoed by the state’s Democrat governor).

Faith & Liberty in conjunction with Liberty Counsel Action is actively working with a team of national leaders to encourage election integrity in America. This partnership is actively supporting increasing integrity and fortifying our election process against fraud.

Learn more by visiting [LCAction.org/voterfraud](https://LCAction.org/voterfraud).

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<sup>1</sup> For the People Act of 2021, H.R. 1. 117th Cong. (2021). <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1/text>

<sup>2</sup> Davis, E. (2020, Oct 7). U.S. Election Integrity Compares Poorly to Other Democracies. *U.S. News and World Report*. <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-countries/articles/2020-10-07/us-elections-compare-poorly-to-other-democracies-research-shows>

<sup>3</sup> President Jimmy Carter & Baker, J. A. (2005, September). Building Confidence in U.S. Elections: Report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform. *Center for Democracy and Election Management & American University*. <https://lcaction.org/Site%20Images/Resources/USelectionsCommissionReport2005.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> City News Service. (2020, November 8). 8,000 fraudulent voter registration applications filed by pair in Hawthorne election. *Los Angeles: ABC News Channel 7*. <https://abc7.com/voter-fraud-hawthorne-mayor-carlos-antonio-de-bourbon-montenegro-mark-anthony-gonsalves/8046531/>