



## H.R. 1

### “FOR THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY ACT”

H.R. 1 is legislation that has been designed to fund, elect, and maintain the Democratic majority. The Democrats introduced this 571-page package of Democratic priorities without allowing for input from Republican Members or going through standard House Committee processes. H.R. 1 will waste taxpayer money, federalize the election system, weaken safeguards surrounding voter registration, and violate Americans’ constitutional right to free speech under the First Amendment.

**MYTH: Democrats are empowering citizens.**

**FACT: Democrats are using citizens' taxpayer dollars to fund their candidates.**

- Voucher from the Government to the Campaign: Through this bill, eligible voters would receive a \$25 voucher from the federal government that they can use to donate to the campaign of their choosing, meaning hard-earned taxpayer dollars are now going straight into an unofficial source with no oversight.
- Government Matching Campaign Donations in Congressional Races: Under H.R. 1, the federal government will be required to match small contributions under \$200 at a 6:1 ratio. Taxpayer dollars will be going to candidates that the taxpayer does not support.
- Government Matching Campaign Donations in Presidential Races: Also, under H.R. 1, there is a 6:1 government match of small contributions to a presidential candidate up to \$250 million. A quarter of a billion taxpayer dollars would be going toward a presidential campaign. There is no limit to contributions.

**MYTH: Democrats are promoting integrity.**

**FACT: Democrats are promoting the interests of Washington, D.C. swamp, not yours.**

- Federal Paid Vacation: Federal workers would get a 6-day paid vacation to serve as poll watchers.
- 16-Year-Old Voters: H.R. 1 will open the door to 16-year-old voters by requiring states to allow them to register to vote.
- Free Speech Violation: Prohibits any “false” statements relating to federal elections including time, manner, place, qualifications of candidates or endorsement of candidates.

**MYTH: Democrats are increasing access to voting.**

**FACT: Democrats are creating vulnerabilities in the voting system.**

- Automatic Voter Registration: H.R. 1 requires all states to adopt an automatic voter registration system that would be relying on the federal government for records. There would be no criminal punishment for an ineligible voter who is registered in error.

- **Online Voter Registration:** Requires states to maintain online voter registration with no safeguards. Providing a signature is the only process for voter identification, and the signature can be submitted online by a picture with no outside authorization.
- **Same Day Registration:** It requires states to permit same day registration and voting for federal elections in early voting and on election day. Again, there are no safeguards in place for this same day registration process.
- **Denying Access vs. Fraudulently Voting:** There are no criminal punishments for anyone who falsely registers to vote. However, there are criminal punishments for anyone who hinders someone from voting.

**MYTH: Democrats are ensuring security.**

**FACT: Democrats are creating a false sense of security.**

- Republicans want to focus on securing our nation's election system in partnership with states.
- **Establishing a Noneffective Government Bureaucracy:** Instead, Congress would spend millions of taxpayer dollars in grant money toward creating ineffective commissions.
- **Cybersecurity:** The creation of new commissions to enforce these policies will be as ineffective as other “czars” appointed by an administration with few checks and balances.
- **Creating One Contact:** The more we federalize elections, the more we are creating one central point of contact to disrupt elections.

**MYTH: Democrats are guaranteeing disclosure.**

**FACT: Democrats are guaranteeing disclosure that suits their own interest.**

- **Washington, D.C.-Style Disclosure:** Democrats are continuing to push for targeted disclosure based on the recent statistics of donations to the Republican party vs. exposing all dark money in political campaigns.
- **Small Donor Contributions:** There is no disclosure of small donor contributions, though these have been reported as the largest and most common amount of donations aggregating in large sums of out of district money.

**MYTH: Democrats are strengthening oversight.**

**FACT: Democrats are expanding federal bureaucracy.**

- **Expanding Federal Agency Role:** Under H.R. 1, Democrats would be expanding the role of several federal agencies in state elections, including DOJ and DHS.
- **Expanding Trial Lawyer Role:** Through this legislation, trial attorneys would gain larger access to federal courts through private rights of actions.
- This increased oversight is simply an excuse to take power away from the states and create a larger reach for the federal government.

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