

FAITH IN ELECTIONS PROJECT

Educate. Engage. Reform.

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House Administration Republicans Launch Faith in Elections Project



Overview

Over the next six months, House Administration Republicans will undertake a comprehensive effort to offer educational opportunities on how elections are run, engage stakeholders, and put forth thoughtful conservative reforms on how elections are run in this country. Our mission is to restore faith and confidence in the American election system which is the foundation of our democracy. We will:

Educate: We will work to increase the knowledge and understanding of all aspects of how elections are currently run in this country.

Engage: We will work to engage with stakeholders across the spectrum to continue building relationships, hear about challenges and needs, and better understand legislative efforts at the state level.

Reform: We will produce comprehensive Republican legislation that reflects conservative principles, receives broad support, and that can quickly be acted upon when we take the majority.

More details on each of these below.

Educate: Election University

This effort will work to educate Members, staff, external stakeholders and the public on how elections are administered, campaign finance and free speech issues, and both the history and current landscape of election policy. This will begin immediately with the launch of Election University. This ten part series of briefings will take place over the course of the next three months for Members and staff. These briefings will then be reformatted to be used for different external audiences. Below is the schedule and topics for Election University:

June: Election Administration

- Election Administration 101
The fundamentals of how elections are run and walking through step by step from the viewpoint of an election administrator pre-election preparations, election day operations, and post-election activities
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 2:30 PM ET
[RSVP Here](#)
- How Voting Machines and Election Equipment Work
An overview of how voting machines, tabulation machines, and ballot marking devices work and their role in facilitating elections with a virtual demonstration of voting machines by voting machine vendors
Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 2:00 PM ET
[RSVP Here](#)
- Voting Machine Security
An in depth look and discussion on the security of voting machines
Monday, June 21, 2021 at 2:30 PM ET
[RSVP Here](#)

July: Campaign Finance and Free Speech

- Campaign Finance 101
The fundamentals of campaign finance
Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 2:30 PM ET
[RSVP Here](#)
- Campaign Finance 201
How the Federal Election Commission works and its role and impact on free speech
Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 2:30 PM ET
[RSVP Here](#)
- Campaign Finance 301
A three part briefing that will focus on the regulations and challenges they impose from the perspective of a candidate, party committee, and political action committee
Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 2:30 PM ET
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August: Election Policy

- The History and Constitutional Basis of Federal Election Policy
Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 2:30 PM ET
[RSVP Here](#)
- The Help America Vote Act
Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 2:00 PM ET
[RSVP Here](#)
- The Voting Rights Act
Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 2:00 PM ET
[RSVP Here](#)
- The National Voter Registration Act and the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act
Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 2:30 PM ET
[RSVP Here](#)

These briefings are open to all interested House Republican Members and staff. They will be conducted either virtually or in a hybrid in person/virtual manner on a case by case basis. Individual invites with more specific details for each of these briefings will be sent as they approach. Briefings will be led in part by House Administration Republican staff and in part by outside experts, election administrators and others.

Engage

This effort will take a comprehensive approach to engaging with key stakeholders in the election community at the local, state and national level and outside interest groups to better understand their challenges and priorities, as well as to socialize possible federal legislation in this space that respects our conservative principles.

Over the next few months Ranking Member Davis will be traveling across the country to engage in fact finding and will meet with state and local election officials, tour facilities, observe elections, and meet with state lawmakers. In addition to a number of in person fact finding trips he will continue to conduct state focused virtual roundtables with various delegations and state and local officials from those states.

This fall House Administration Republicans will conduct a series of Member and staff listening sessions to receive ideas and feedback from the Conference on a comprehensive Republican election bill. More details to be announced in August, however House Administration Republicans are always happy to sit down with any Members and staff to discuss these issues at any time.

Reform

After completing an extensive education and engagement process, the focus will turn to taking all of the feedback and information that we collect over the course of 4-5 months and incorporating that into our existing efforts to produce a legislative product that will receive broad support internally and externally.

Recap

This effort will build off House Administration Republican's efforts over the past two and half years to fight back against Democrats attempts to take over and federalize elections, hold states and localities accountable for poor election administration practices, build a robust election observer program that deployed people to congressional districts across the country, and build a strong coalition of state and local election administration officials. These efforts include:

- Protecting election integrity and the rule of law to prevent Speaker Pelosi from stealing a congressional seat in IA-02.
- Recruiting and training more than 70 Republican House staffers to serve as official election observers. Through the program observers were deployed to 19 districts across the country to ensure ballots in the closest House races were processed fairly and counted accurately.
- Leading Republican opposition to the Majority's number-one legislative priority, H.R. 1, the For the People Act.
- [Sending oversight letters](#) to states, counties, and municipalities that have failed to safely and securely administer federal elections.
- Conducting 4 election administration roundtables with Members, EAC Commissioners, and state and local elections officials in [Illinois](#), [Georgia](#), [Wisconsin](#), and [New York](#) to discuss challenges facing state and local election officials.
- Assembling a "kitchen cabinet" of Secretaries of State who advise Ranking Member Davis and Committee staff with respect to the impact of federal policy on state administration of elections.
- [Releasing a committee report](#) highlighting the fraud and abuse associated with ballot harvesting.
- Introducing numerous pieces of legislation to ensure secure elections, prevent fraud, and ensure no taxpayer dollars go to campaigns. These include:
 - Election Security Assistance Act (H.R. 3412), which would provide election security funding to states, require electronic poll books to be certified, and increase security cooperation between federal government and the states;
 - Prevent Federal Funding from Going to Congressional Campaigns Act (H.R. 4261), which would prevent the public funding of congressional campaigns;
 - Honest Elections Act (H.R. 4736), which would reduce direct foreign involvement in elections, prohibit the use of ballot harvesting in federal elections, and prohibit states that allow non-citizens to vote from receiving certain federal funds;
 - Protect American Voters the Help (PAVA) (H.R. 5707), which would make critical updates to the Help America Vote Act by addressing non-voting election technology which should be tested and vetted in a similar manner to vote-tallying machines;
 - Election Fraud Prevention Act (H.R. 6882), which would prohibit states that allow ballot harvesting from receiving HAVA funds



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