



## ***Digital Integrity in Democracy Act***

**Introduced by:** Senators Peter Welch (D-Vt.); Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.); Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.); Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.); Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii)

### **Background:**

False election administration information spreads rapidly on social media, interfering with Americans' right to vote. In recent election cycles, false information has propagated about voting times, polling locations, and [voting eligibility](#), creating confusion among voters and undermining trust in our elections.

For example, during the 2020 election cycle, images spread across social media platforms that purported to be the Biden campaign with false information about the date for the Super Tuesday [primaries](#). Additionally, numerous false or misleading claims about voting by mail were hosted on Facebook but were not labeled as [misleading or inaccurate](#). These claims used language meant to discourage mail-in voting by mischaracterizing mail-in ballots as [unconstitutional](#), favoring one political party, or as a new concept resulting from the coronavirus [pandemic](#).

Today, [half](#) of U.S. adults get news from social media, and election-related content features prominently on platforms in the run-up to elections. An [analysis](#) conducted by ProPublica in 2020 found numerous false and misleading claims about voting being hosted on Facebook despite having community standards that ban misrepresentations about voting. Now that we have seen the influence these platforms have on our elections, common sense Section 230 updates are necessary.

### **Legislation:**

As election misinformation and disinformation [continue to grow](#), the *Digital Integrity in Democracy Act* aims to hold accountable operators of social media platforms that are unwilling to intervene and remove objectively false election administration information after being notified.

This bill will ensure voters are not deceived or tricked into losing their right to vote by removing the liability shield for objectively false election administration content. This bill *does not* require social media platforms to moderate political speech, including about candidates, political parties, or elected officials.

### **Supporting Organizations:**

The *Digital Integrity in Democracy Act* is endorsed by Common Cause and Stand Up America.