

A BILL

To establish procedures for emergency recall votes for all elected offices in the United States Government, including Members of Congress, Senators, the President, and the Vice President, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the "Emergency Recall Vote Act of 2025".

SECTION 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. Congress finds that—

(1) the people of the United States have the right to hold elected officials accountable through democratic processes; and

(2) establishing a mechanism for emergency recall votes will enhance public trust in government by providing a direct means to remove officials who have lost the confidence of their constituents. The purpose of this Act is to create uniform procedures for initiating and conducting emergency recall elections for Federal elected offices.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) ELECTED OFFICE.—The term "elected office" means any office filled by popular election under the Constitution or laws of the United States, including—

(A) Member of the House of Representatives;

(B) Senator;

(C) President; and

(D) Vice President.

(2) QUALIFIED PETITION.—The term "qualified petition" means a petition that meets the signature requirements under section 4.

(3) RECALL ELECTION.—The term "recall election" means a special election held to determine whether an incumbent in an elected office should be removed before the expiration of their term.

SECTION 4. INITIATION OF RECALL PROCESS.

(a) PETITION REQUIREMENT.—An emergency recall process for an elected office may be initiated by filing a qualified petition with the Federal Election Commission (in the case of the President or Vice President) or the appropriate State election authority (in the case of Members of Congress or Senators).

(b) SIGNATURE THRESHOLDS.—

(1) For the President or Vice President, the petition must be signed by registered voters equal in number to at least 25 percent of the total votes cast in the most recent Presidential election.

(2) For a Senator, the petition must be signed by registered voters in the Senator's State equal in number to at least 25 percent of the total votes cast in the most recent election for that Senate seat.

(3) For a Member of the House of Representatives, the petition must be signed by registered voters in the Member's congressional district equal in number to at least 25 percent of the total votes cast in the most recent election for that House seat.

(c) PETITION PERIOD.—Petitions must be collected within 180 days of filing the initial notice of intent to recall with the appropriate authority.

(d) VERIFICATION.—The appropriate authority shall verify the signatures within 60 days of submission.

SECTION 5. CONDUCT OF RECALL ELECTION. (a) SCHEDULING.—If a petition is certified as qualified, a recall election shall be held not later than 90 days after certification.

(b) BALLOT QUESTION.—The ballot shall pose the question: "Shall [name of official] be recalled from the office of [office title]?" with options for "Yes" or "No".

(c) REMOVAL AND SUCCESSION.—

(1) If a majority votes "Yes", the official is removed from office immediately upon certification of the results.

(2) Vacancies shall be filled as provided by law:

(A) For the President or Vice President, in accordance with section 2 of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution or other applicable provisions.

(B) For Senators or Members of Congress, through special elections or appointments as provided under State law or the Constitution.

(d) LIMITATIONS.—No recall petition may be filed against an official during the first 6 months or last 12 months of their term, or within 6 months after a previous unsuccessful recall election for the same official.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

(a) RULEMAKING.—The Federal Election Commission, in consultation with State election authorities, shall promulgate regulations to implement this Act, including uniform standards for petition forms, signature verification, and election procedures.

(b) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Any challenge to the recall process shall be subject to expedited

judicial review in Federal court.

(c) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

SECTION 7. CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY. This Act is enacted pursuant to the authority of Congress under article I, section 4 of the Constitution (relating to the times, places, and manner of holding elections) and other relevant provisions.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.