



The Polling Place Standards Act

To provide a minimum number of polling places for voters to cast a ballot in an election for Federal office and to ensure that such polling places are not concentrated in a specific area, and for other purposes.

The purpose of this bill is to establish a minimum number of polling places that states and localities must have in operation during federal elections so as to avoid a lack of access from polling places being cut by state officials.

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Specifically, this bill would require states and local governments to provide 1 polling place or vote center (a polling place that accepts a ballot cast for a Federal Election from any voter regardless of the precinct of such voter), for every 2000 registered voters. This formula allows for a clear standard across the country, in rural and urban areas alike. And these new polling places would be required to be located in geographically diverse areas and not be concentrated in a certain part of a locality.

For decades, polling places have been closed as a deliberate tool to facilitate voter suppression. Providing fewer polling places contributes to longer wait and travel times for voters, and decreases voter turnout. Oftentimes, states and local officials have cut polling places with little to no notice before primary and general elections across the country. This bill is designed to provide a clear floor for the amount of polling places that voters have access to, so that any cuts, with or without notice, can be withstood.

As President Trump tries every trick in the book to disrupt the 2026 midterms, Congress must be bold and proactive in how it fights back. The Polling Place Standards Act meets this moment, by ensuring every American has access to the ballot box.

