

For the People Act of 2019 <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1>

Cybercrimes happen frequently and can cause a wide range of issues. One major issue with cyberattacks is the sheer amount of money they can cost an organization. With the rapid development of technology over the recent years, the rate of cybercrimes has only increased. A major issue that comes up when addressing cyber-related incidents is the lack of cybersecurity laws. Additionally, cybersecurity technology is typically 3 years behind in addressing current technology. This is partially due to the rapid rate that new technology is being created. This only leads to cybersecurity technology having to be created to address the new technology that is being developed.

Over the past 3 years, technology has played an even larger part in people's lives. The rise of Covid-19 pushing people into using technology even more in order to stay connected. Covid-19 sparked many changes in multiple aspects of life. This was seen with people having to work from, schools going to a virtual model, and many other aspects of life being changed to a more virtual accommodating format. The For the People Act of 2019, was created to improve many aspects when it came to elections and voters' rights. The act focused on providing stronger election security. This was seen by requiring more involvement on a federal level in foreseeing the security of state election systems. This was done to promote the overall integrity of each state's election system. Reducing the ability that someone could breach or gain access to voter information such as voters' ballots. The For the People Act of 2019 also touched on campaign spending, regulations on foreign involvement in elections such as contributing to or spending on elections, required election organizations to show where the money comes from, campaign advertisements, and online platforms (Congressional Research Service).

This act was key in ensuring voters' ability to vote throughout Covid-19. The act promoted creating ways that would allow voters to have access to vote. This is either by providing more polls to vote at or by educating citizens on the ability to vote away from a poll. This was seen in the 2020 election where 46% of voters voted by mail or absentee ballots (Atslke).

Overall, the act was set to improve security and integrity when it came to elections. The goal is to upkeep the democratic process that the United States has. The act did this by attempting to ensure the protection of voter ballots. By trying to place more regulations around elections to prevent the ability any process can be tampered with. This act touched on regulating where money can come from and attempts to restrict the involvement of foreign countries. This is done to prevent the possible involvement of foreign leaders or governments from having any say in how an election turns out. Most notable would be the 2020 election where Trump felt that a foreign country had influenced and played a part in how the election went.

The major thing that this act can cause confusion about is how it relates to an individual. The act can seem that it doesn't protect an individual's vote or an individual's rights. Yet, this act was done to further protect the voters' rights. This is the main thing that must be understood about this act. Is that the act does all this to make sure that whom a voter voted for will get

received correctly. Making sure that the democratic part of the election is maintained. When educating people on this act you must ensure that this is all done to promote the integrity of the voter's vote.

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