

Political BIAS Emails Act

H.R.5495, 118th

INTRODUCED

Rep. Lesko (R-AZ)
Speech & synthetic media · Both chambers

HOW FAR IT WAS CARRIED



BACKGROUND

A narrow bill addressing a narrow complaint: that spam filters were suppressing campaign email from senders the recipient had chosen to hear from. It bars providers from applying filtering to political campaign email where the user has opted in, and requires disclosure of the filtering practices that apply.

KEY PROVISIONS

- Bars email providers from spam-filtering political campaign email from opted-in senders.
- Applies only where the recipient has affirmatively subscribed.
- Requires providers to disclose their filtering practices for political mail.
- Preserves the recipient’s ability to unsubscribe at any point.
- Assigns enforcement to the Federal Election Commission.

LEGISLATIVE RECORD

Introduced in the 117th and 118th Congresses.

OFFICES ENGAGED

Rep. Lesko; prev. Sens. Kennedy, Thune
Drafted and advised. 3 offices engaged.