

# The S.H.A.R.P. Act

## Safeguards for Honest Accountability & Recall of Politicians Act

*A Bill to Empower Voters With the Right to Recall Corrupt or Failing Federal Officials, Protect the Process From Billionaire Abuse, and Guarantee That Power Belongs to the People*

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### TITLE I — Right of Recall

Voters may remove any sitting Representative or Senator before the end of a term if enough verified constituents demand it.

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### TITLE II — Petition Thresholds and Timeframes

- A recall petition requires verified signatures from at least 8% of registered voters in the district (House) or state (Senate).
  - Voters have 120 days to collect the required signatures.
  - Digital and paper signatures accepted, verified against official voter rolls with multi-factor voter ID verification.
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### TITLE III — Timing and Limits

- No recalls may be filed in the first 3 months or last 3 months of a term.
  - Only one recall attempt may be filed against the same official per term, regardless of petition sponsor.
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## TITLE IV — Recall Election Rules

- Once a recall petition qualifies, a **full public recall election** must be held where voters cast ballots to decide whether the official is removed.
  - The recall election must be scheduled within 90 days unless a federal or state election is already scheduled within 6 months. In that case, the recall is added to that ballot.
  - Every recall ballot must present **two clear questions** at the top:
    1. **“Shall [Name of Official] be removed from office?”** (Yes or No)
    2. **“If [Name of Official] is removed, who shall replace them?”** (List of qualified candidates).
  - The recall succeeds only if both conditions are met:
    - More than 50% of voters who participate vote “Yes” on Question 1.
    - The number of “Yes” votes equals at least 25% of all registered voters in the district or state.
  - If the recall succeeds:
    - The official is immediately removed from office.
    - The candidate with the most votes on Question 2 is seated as the new officeholder.
  - Any official removed by recall is barred from running for that same seat in the next election cycle.
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## TITLE V — Funding and Contribution Rules

- Only individual citizens registered in the district/state may donate to recall campaigns.
- Maximum contribution: \$500 per donor per recall.
- Corporations, PACs, super PACs, nonprofits, and outside entities are banned from recall fundraising or spending.
- All contributions undergo beneficial ownership checks to prevent straw donor laundering.
- Independent expenditures for or against a recall are banned. Ads, canvassing, or organizing must be reported as recall spending and follow all rules.
- Violations result in seizure of funds, felony charges, and fines 10x the amount spent.

## TITLE VI — Volunteer Signature Requirement

- At least 50% of all signatures must be collected by unpaid local volunteers living in the district/state.
  - Petition sheets must declare whether each signature was gathered by a paid or volunteer circulator. False declarations = perjury felony.
  - Paid canvassers must sign and read aloud a **standardized federal contract** before collecting signatures.
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# **TITLE VII — Mandatory Plain-Language Contract**

## **Formatting Requirements**

- Font: Times New Roman or Arial ONLY.
- Font Size: Minimum 14-point.
- Placement: Warning text must be the first section of the contract, before anything else.
- Language: Written at an 8th-grade reading level, no legal jargon.
- Display: Bolded, all-caps heading: **“WARNING: VIOLATION OF THIS CONTRACT IS A FELONY.”**
- Signature: Signature line placed immediately under the felony statement.

## **Standardized Federal Contract Text**

### **WARNING: VIOLATION OF THIS CONTRACT IS A FELONY**

If you collect signatures for a recall petition:

1. You may not accept money from corporations, PACs, nonprofits, or outside groups. Only individuals from this district/state may contribute.
2. At least half of all signatures must be gathered by unpaid local volunteers. Paid canvassers like you cannot exceed half of the total.
3. If you forge, falsify, or manipulate signatures, you commit a felony. Minimum penalty: 5 years in prison.
4. If you knowingly or unknowingly break these rules, you are personally liable. Ignorance is not a defense.
5. You may reduce your sentence to 1 year if you provide information identifying higher-level funders who illegally financed the recall effort.
6. Lying on this form is perjury and will be prosecuted as a felony.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and accept these rules. I understand that if I break them, I can go to prison.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **TITLE VIII — Enforcement and Penalties**

### **For Paid Canvassers**

- Felony, 5-year minimum prison sentence for violations.
- Reduced to 1 year only if they expose the ultimate funders.

### **For Petition Organizers**

- Felony, 10-year minimum prison sentence for using fraudulent signatures, out-of-district canvassers, or illegal funds.
- Lifetime disqualification from election work or public office.

### **For Billionaires, Corporations, and PACs**

- Felony, 15-year minimum prison sentence for illegal recall funding.
- Fines equal to **10x the illegal amount spent**.
- Loss of federal contract eligibility for 20 years.
- Repeat offenders lose their corporate charter (“corporate death penalty”).

### **For Elected Officials Who Tamper With Recalls**

- Felony, 15-year prison sentence, permanent disqualification from public office.
  - Automatic removal upon conviction.
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## **TITLE IX — Public Financing Defense**

- Incumbents targeted by a qualifying recall automatically receive a pool of public funds equal to the recall campaign’s reported spending.
  - Ensures recalls cannot be weaponized as harassment campaigns to bankrupt candidates.
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## **TITLE X — Transparency and Oversight**

- A Recall Oversight Office is established within the FEC to monitor petitions, funding, and compliance.
- All petition status, funding disclosures, and canvasser contracts must be posted online in real time.
- Random audits of signatures and funding are mandatory.
- Whistleblowers exposing illegal recall funding receive protections and up to 30% of collected fines.

# TITLE XI — Extra Safeguards for Grassroots Organizers

## Training & Support

- The Recall Oversight Office must provide free training videos, guides, and templates for grassroots groups on how to run recalls legally.
- Free legal assistance is available to any registered grassroots organization filing a recall, protecting them from intimidation lawsuits.

## Simple Launch Process

- Filing paperwork to start a recall must be a one-page form, processed within 10 days.
- Digital signature collection tools are provided free of charge to grassroots groups.

## Canvasser Onboarding

- Volunteers can begin gathering signatures immediately with no additional steps.
- Paid canvassers may begin work as soon as they sign the federal contract online, which takes less than 15 minutes.
- All contracts are logged instantly in a federal database, and canvassers receive a confirmation ID to show they are certified.

## Grassroots Priority

- Recall petitions run primarily on volunteer energy.
  - Billionaires cannot hijack the process because corporate money is banned, real-time disclosures are mandatory, and the volunteer quota is enforced.
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# In Plain Words

The **S.H.A.R.P. Act** makes recalls clear, fast, and people-powered. Petitions trigger a **real election** where voters decide if a politician stays or goes. The ballot is simple: kick them out or keep them, and if they're gone, pick the replacement. Grassroots groups can launch recalls easily, with free training and tools. Billionaires are banned from funding them, paid canvassers are locked under felony contracts, and cheaters face prison, fines, and corporate death penalties.

If the people want you gone, you're gone. If billionaires try to hijack it, they lose their money, their companies, and their freedom.