

Bill Fact Sheet - December 5, 2025 https://legilist.com Bill page: https://legilist.com/bill/109/hr/2554

### HR 2554

Martin Luther King, Jr., Records Collection Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: May 23, 2005

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform. (May 23, 2005)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/2554

#### **Sponsor**

Name: Rep. McKinney, Cynthia A. [D-GA-4]

Party: Democratic • State: GA • Chamber: House

### Cosponsors (64 total)

COSPONSOIS (O- total)			
Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Faleomavaega, Eni F. H. [D-AS-At Large]	D · AS		Nov 2, 2005
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Nov 2, 2005
Rep. Davis, Artur [D-AL-7]	D·AL		Nov 2, 2005
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Nov 2, 2005
Rep. Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Nov 2, 2005
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Nov 2, 2005
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Nov 2, 2005
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D·IL		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Green, AI [D-TX-9]	$D \cdot TX$		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	$D \cdot TX$		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	$D \cdot TX$		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Pastor, Ed [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D·IL		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Dec 8, 2005
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Dec 8, 2005
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D·IL		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2006

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Meek, Kendrick B. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D·IL		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	$D\cdotNY$		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Feb 1, 2006
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	$D \cdot NY$		Mar 1, 2006
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Mar 1, 2006
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	$D\cdotTX$		Mar 1, 2006
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	$D\cdotNY$		Mar 1, 2006
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Mar 1, 2006
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Mar 1, 2006
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Mar 1, 2006
Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D·IL		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	$D\cdotVA$		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Apr 26, 2006
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Apr 26, 2006

# **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	May 23, 2005

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

## Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship Last Action
109 S 2499	Identical bill Apr 4, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Records Collection Act of 2005 - Directs the National Archives to commence establishment of a collection of records to be known as the "Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Records Collection" at the National Archives.

Requires the Archivist of the United States to enter into an agreement with an entity outside the National Archives for the establishment of a secondary location for copies of such part of the Collection as considered appropriate.

Instructs the National Archives to ensure the security of the records in the Collection that qualify for postponement of public disclosure pursuant to this Act.

Sets forth provisions for the: (1) review, identification, transmission to the National Archives, and public disclosure of records related to the life and assassination of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by Government offices; and (2) postponement of public disclosure of related records or particular information in such records.

Establishes the Martin Luther King Records Review Board. Provides for the appointment of an Executive Director to such Board.

Sets forth requirements for the review of all assassination and related records for public disclosure or postponement of public disclosure by the Review Board. Grants Presidential authority over such disclosure or postponement of executive branch related records or information, or of any information in a related record obtained or developed solely within the executive branch.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- May 23, 2005: Introduced in House
  May 23, 2005: Introduced in House
- May 23, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.