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Democracy Restoration Act of 2014

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Latest Action: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held. (Dec 9, 2014)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 10, 2014
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 10, 2014
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 10, 2014
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Apr 10, 2014
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 10, 2014
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 10, 2014
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 10, 2014
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 30, 2014
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 26, 2014
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 8, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Dec 10, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 5719	Related bill	Dec 9, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
113 S 2550	Related bill	Jun 26, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
113 HR 4459	Related bill	Jun 9, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

Democracy Restoration Act of 2014 - Declares that the right of a U.S. citizen to vote in any election for federal office shall not be denied or abridged because that individual has been convicted of a criminal offense unless, at the time of the election, such individual is serving a felony sentence in a correctional institution or facility. Provides for enforcement of, and remedies for violations of, this Act.

Prohibits this Act from being construed to prohibit a state from enacting any state law that affords the right to vote in any election for federal office on terms less restrictive than those terms established by this Act. Declares that the rights and remedies established by this Act shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies provided by law and shall not supersede, restrict, or limit the application of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 or the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

Sets forth requirements for state and federal notification of individuals of the restoration of their voting rights.

Prohibits any state, local government, or other person from receiving or using any federal funds to construct or improve a place of incarceration unless that person has in effect a program to notify each U.S. citizen incarcerated in that person's jurisdiction, upon release from such incarceration, of that individual's rights under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 9, 2014:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held.
- **Apr 10, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 10, 2014:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2381-2382)
- **Apr 10, 2014:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.