

## HR 278

John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting Act

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Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2013
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jul 11, 2013
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Sep 26, 2013
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Oct 23, 2013
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 23, 2013
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Nov 14, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 28, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2910	Related bill	<b>Sep 18, 2014:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
113 HR 2758	Related bill	<b>Sep 13, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
113 HR 2978	Related bill	<b>Sep 13, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
113 HR 2490	Related bill	<b>Jul 15, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
113 HR 337	Related bill	<b>Feb 28, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
113 HR 223	Identical bill	<b>Jan 25, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.

## Summary (as of Jan 15, 2013)

John Tanner Fairness and Independence in Redistricting Act - Prohibits a state that has been redistricted after an apportionment from being redistricted again until after the next apportionment of Representatives, unless the state is ordered by a court to conduct such a subsequent redistricting in order to: (1) comply with the U.S. Constitution, or (2) enforce the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Requires such redistricting to be conducted through a plan developed by the independent redistricting commission established in the state, or if such plan is not enacted into law, the redistricting plan selected by the state's highest court or developed by a U.S. district court.

Prescribes requirements for: (1) establishment of a state independent redistricting commission (including provisions for holding each of its meetings in public and maintaining a public Internet site); (2) development of a redistricting plan (including soliciting and considering public comments) and its submission to the state legislature (with public notice of plans at least seven days prior to such submission); (3) selection of a plan, under specified conditions, by the state's highest court or the U.S. district court for the district in which the capital of the state is located; (4) special rules for redistricting conducted under a federal court order; and (5) Election Assistance Commission payments to states for carrying out redistricting.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 28, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
- **Jan 15, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 15, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.