

## HR 4459

Democracy Restoration Act of 2014

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 9, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">113 HR 5719</a>	Related bill	<b>Dec 9, 2014:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
<a href="#">113 S 2235</a>	Related bill	<b>Dec 9, 2014:</b> Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held.
<a href="#">113 S 2550</a>	Related bill	<b>Jun 26, 2014:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Apr 10, 2014)

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.

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

Prohibits any state, local government, or other person from receiving or using any federal grant amounts 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.

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.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 9, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Apr 10, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 10, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.