

HR 5334

Open Our Democracy Act of 2014

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]

Party: Democratic • State: MD • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Sep 10, 2014
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Sep 18, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jul 31, 2014
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 26, 2014
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 31, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Open Our Democracy Act of 2014 - Requires all candidates for election to the House of Representatives to run in a single open primary, regardless of political party preference.

Limits the ensuing general election to the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in the single open primary.

Gives candidates the option, at the time of filing to run for office, to declare a political party preference, which does not constitute or imply endorsement of the candidate by the party designated.

Treats the general election day in the same manner as a legal public holiday for purposes of federal employment.

Expresses the sense of Congress that private employers should give their employees a day off on the general election day in November 2016 and each even-numbered year thereafter to enable them to cast votes in elections held on that day.

Requires the Comptroller General (GAO) to study the feasibility and desirability of enacting national standards and criteria for congressional redistricting.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 26, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jul 31, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 31, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.