

HR 1459

Democracy Restoration Act of 2015

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Sep 28, 2015
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Oct 1, 2015
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Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Feb 2, 2016
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Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Apr 21, 2016
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		May 18, 2016
Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		May 18, 2016

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Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		May 18, 2016
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 24, 2016
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2016
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Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Dec 7, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 21, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1610	Related bill	Jun 18, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4302)
114 HR 1556	Related bill	Apr 21, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 S 772	Identical bill	Mar 18, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
114 S 457	Related bill	Feb 11, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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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

- **Apr 21, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Mar 19, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 19, 2015:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E367)
- **Mar 19, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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