

## S 229

### DISCLOSE Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Sponsor introductory remarks

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/229>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

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

**Cosponsors** (42 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 21, 2015
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 22, 2015

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 22, 2015

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 22, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5494	Related bill	<b>Jun 16, 2016:</b> Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, Financial Services, and Ways and Means, 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.
114 S 6	Related bill	<b>Jun 16, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
114 HR 430	Related bill	<b>Feb 5, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

## Summary (as of Jan 21, 2015)

### Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light On Spending in Elections Act of 2015 or the DISCLOSE Act of 2015

Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA) to redefine the term "independent expenditure" as an expenditure by a person that, when taken as a whole, expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, or is the functional equivalent of express advocacy because it can be interpreted by a reasonable person only as advocating the election or defeat of a candidate, taking into account whether the communication involved mentions a candidacy, a political party, or a challenger to a candidate, or takes a position on a candidate's character, qualifications, or fitness for office.

Expands the period during which certain communications are treated as electioneering communications.

Prescribes disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and certain other entities, including a political committee with an account established for the purpose of accepting donations or contributions that do not comply with the contribution limits or source prohibitions under FECA (but only with respect to such accounts).

Repeals the prohibition against political contributions by individuals age 17 or younger.

## Actions Timeline

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