

## HR 2655

### Open Our Democracy Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jun 4, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Jun 16, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/2655>

## Sponsor

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

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

## Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jun 4, 2015
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jun 4, 2015
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Feb 26, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jun 4, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 16, 2015
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 4, 2015
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 4, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Open Our Democracy Act of 2015**

Requires all candidates for election to the Senate and the House of Representatives to run in an open primary, regardless of political party preference or lack thereof.

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

Directs the Government Accountability Office to study the procedures used by states to conduct congressional redistricting.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jun 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 4, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, the Judiciary, and Rules, 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.