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Civil Rights Voting Restoration Act of 2015

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]

Party: Republican • **State:** KY • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 11, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 11, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 12	Related bill	Apr 29, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
114 HR 1459	Related bill	Apr 21, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 HR 1556	Identical bill	Apr 21, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
114 S 772	Related bill	Mar 18, 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 the individual has been convicted of a non-violent criminal offense, unless, at the time of the election, the individual is serving a sentence in a correctional facility or a term of probation.

Restores the right to vote of an individual on probation: (1) on the date the term of probation ends, if such term is less than one year; or (2) one year after the date the individual begins serving the term of probation, if such term is one year or longer.

Directs the Attorney General to determine and establish a list of the criminal offenses under federal and state law that are non-violent criminal offenses.

Provides for enforcement of, and remedies for violations of, this Act.

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

Prohibits a state, local government, or other person from receiving or using federal grant amounts to construct or improve a place of incarceration unless that person has in effect a program under which each incarcerated individual is notified, upon release, of his or her rights under this Act.

Actions Timeline

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