

HR 5819

Vote By Mail Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. (Jul 14, 2016)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5819>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]

Party: Democratic • State: OR • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1] | D · RI | | Jul 14, 2016 |
| Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1] | D · OR | | Jul 21, 2016 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Committee on House Administration | House | Referred To | Jul 14, 2016 |
| Oversight and Government Reform Committee | House | Referred To | Jul 14, 2016 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 114 S 3214 | Identical bill | Jul 14, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S5165-5166) |

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This bill amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require states to allow voting in federal elections to be by mail without additional conditions or requirements, except a deadline for returning the ballot.

States must mail ballots to individuals registered to vote in a federal election not later than two weeks before the election. The U.S. Postal Service must carry ballots mailed by a state expeditiously and free of postage.

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 is amended to authorize automatic voter registration of individuals through state motor vehicle authorities.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 14, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1129)
- **Jul 14, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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.