

HR 12

Voter Empowerment Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Jul 14, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]

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

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Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jun 23, 2017
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Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jun 23, 2017
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Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jun 23, 2017
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Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jun 23, 2017
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Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jun 23, 2017

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Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jun 23, 2017
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Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jun 23, 2017
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Rep. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jun 23, 2017

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Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Jun 23, 2017
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jul 13, 2017
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Sep 8, 2017
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Sep 27, 2017
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Jul 26, 2018
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Sep 25, 2018
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Dec 12, 2018
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Dec 12, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jun 23, 2017
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 23, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2017
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 23, 2017
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 23, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3116	Related bill	Jun 21, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
115 S 3049	Related bill	Jun 12, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
115 HR 3343	Related bill	Jul 20, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
115 HR 3300	Related bill	Jul 19, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
115 S 1437	Identical bill	Jun 26, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
115 HR 1044	Related bill	Feb 14, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
115 S 360	Related bill	Feb 13, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
115 HR 944	Related bill	Feb 7, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

Voter Empowerment Act of 2017

Voter Registration Modernization Act of 2017

This bill amends the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require states to make available online voter registration.

The federal criminal code is amended to prohibit hindering, interfering with, or preventing voter registration.

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 is amended to require states to promote access to voter registration and voting for individuals with disabilities.

The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) must support pilot programs enabling individuals with disabilities to register and vote at their residences.

The bill reauthorizes support for state and local governments to ensure voting access for individuals with disabilities.

States must notify individuals convicted of a criminal offense under state law, upon release or upon sentence to probation, of their right to vote in federal elections.

Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2017

This bill revises auditing requirements for voting systems.

Voting systems must use individual, durable, voter-verified paper ballots.

The National Science Foundation must support the study and development of accessible ballot voting and best practices to enhance the accessibility of voting for certain individuals.

With exceptions, states must audit federal election results.

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act is amended to extend the guarantee of voting residency to family members of absent military personnel.

The EAC must support poll-worker recruitment and training and develop materials for a model program.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 is amended to prohibit a chief state election administration official, unless the official or a family member is a candidate, from taking part in political management or in a political campaign for federal office over which the official has supervisory authority.

The EAC is reauthorized and its exemption from certain contracting requirements is repealed.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 14, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jun 23, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 23, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Science, Space, and Technology, Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Government Reform, and Education and the Workforce, 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.
- **Jun 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.