

S 1231

Vote By Mail Act of 2017

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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.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (May 25, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

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

Cosponsors (19 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI] | D · WI | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE] | D · DE | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE] | D · DE | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] | D · CA | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN] | D · MN | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA] | D · CA | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM] | D · NM | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA] | D · MA | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR] | D · OR | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT] | D · CT | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA] | D · WA | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT] | I · VT | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI] | D · HI | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM] | D · NM | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD] | D · MD | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA] | D · MA | | May 25, 2017 |
| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI] | D · RI | | May 25, 2017 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Rules and Administration Committee | Senate | Referred To | May 25, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 HR 2669 | Related bill | May 25, 2017: 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. |

Summary (as of May 25, 2017)

Vote by Mail Act of 2017

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

- **May 25, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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