

S 1588

Democracy Restoration Act of 2017

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Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

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

Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 20, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 20, 2017
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 10, 2018
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 26, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 19, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6612	Related bill	Jul 26, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

Summary (as of Jul 19, 2017)

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This bill establishes that an individual's right to vote in a federal election may not be abridged due to a criminal conviction unless the individual is incarcerated for a felony sentence at the time of the election. The bill also (1) requires incarcerated individuals to be notified of the restoration of their voting rights upon release, and (2) prohibits states and local governments that do not comply with this bill from receiving federal funds for constructing or improving prisons.

Actions Timeline

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