

HR 2981

Open Our Democracy 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 10, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jun 21, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 10, 2017
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 21, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires open primaries for elections for the office of Senator or Member of the House of Representatives, with general elections between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes in each open primary regardless of political party preference. The bill also makes Election Day (the Tuesday after the first Monday of November in even-numbered years) a legal public holiday for federal employees and requires congressional redistricting to be conducted by an independent state commission.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jun 21, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 21, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Judiciary, 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.

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