

## HR 5026

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to waive certain requirements for naturalization for American Samoan United States nationals to become United States citizens, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. (Mar 8, 2018)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 8, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 28, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

This bill simplifies the naturalization process for persons born in an outlying possession of the United States (American Samoa and Swains Island). Such persons are U.S. nationals rather than U.S. citizens by virtue of their birth in an outlying possession.

The Immigration and Nationality Act is amended to permit a person to naturalize based upon residency in American Samoa. (Currently, a person from American Samoa must become a state resident in order to naturalize.)

The Department of Homeland Security may, with respect to an applicant: (1) administer the citizenship process (applications, filings, interviews, oaths, and ceremonies) in American Samoa, (2) reduce application fees, and (3) waive the personal interview requirement.

Such applicants are exempted from the naturalization requirement to demonstrate English language and U.S. civics proficiency.

A U.S. citizen parent may apply for naturalization on behalf of a child born in American Samoa.

The bill provides that no court shall have jurisdiction over any naturalization application filed by or on behalf of a resident of American Samoa.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 8, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Feb 28, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- **Feb 14, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.