

## S 717

### POWER Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Mar 23, 2017

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 115-237.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 115-237. (Sep 4, 2018)

**Law:** 115-237 (Enacted Sep 4, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/717>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Mar 23, 2017
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 23, 2017
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 23, 2017
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Mar 23, 2017
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 23, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 23, 2017
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 29, 2017
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 29, 2017
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Apr 5, 2017
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Apr 25, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 21, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Aug 1, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 23, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1762	Related bill	<b>Apr 12, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

## Summary (as of Sep 4, 2018)

### Pro bono Work to Empower and Represent Act of 2018 or the POWER Act

(Sec. 3) This bill requires the chief judge for each judicial district to conduct public events to promote pro bono legal services for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Additionally, the chief judge for a judicial district that contains an Indian tribe or tribal organization must conduct, at least once during each two-year period, a public event to promote pro bono legal services for Indian or Alaska Native victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

A chief judge must, in conducting public events, seek to maximize the local impact and the provision of high-quality pro bono legal services to survivors.

(Sec. 4) Chief judges must report to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts on the public events they conduct. The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts must compile and summarize the reports and submit them to Congress.

## Actions Timeline

- **Sep 4, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-237.
- **Aug 23, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Aug 16, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 15, 2018:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to the Senate bill by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5669)
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- **Jul 18, 2018:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6282-6285)
- **Jul 17, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 717.
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6282-6283)
- **Jul 17, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6282-6283)
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Aug 2, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 1, 2017:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4694-4695)
- **Aug 1, 2017:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4694-4695)
- **Aug 1, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S4694-4695)
- **Aug 1, 2017:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S4694-4695)
- **Mar 23, 2017:** introduced in Senate
- **Mar 23, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.