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Democracy Restoration Act of 2019

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Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 9, 2019
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Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 10, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 8, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 9, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 9, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 9, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 9, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8941	Related bill	Dec 10, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 1893	Related bill	Apr 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 S 697	Related bill	Mar 7, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 196	Related bill	Jan 3, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Democracy Restoration Act of 2019

This bill addresses the voting rights of individuals convicted of a criminal offense and the restoration of their voting rights.

First, the bill declares that the right of a U.S. citizen to vote in any election for federal office shall not be denied or abridged because that individual has been convicted of a criminal offense unless, at the time of the election, such individual is serving a felony sentence. Further, the bill provides for enforcement of, and remedies for violations of, the bill.

In addition, it sets forth requirements for state and federal notification of individuals of the restoration of their voting rights.

Finally, the bill prohibits federal funding of construction or improvement of a place of incarceration unless U.S. citizens incarcerated in that jurisdiction are notified, upon release, of their voting rights.

Actions Timeline

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