

## HR 1208

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:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Feb 13, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Mar 25, 2019)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 25, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 13, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3482	Related bill	Jul 30, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

This bill establishes that a U.S. national who otherwise qualifies may become a citizen upon establishing residence and physical presence in a U.S. outlying possession (i.e. America Samoa and Swains Island). Currently, U.S. nationals must become a resident of a state to qualify for naturalization.

Individuals born in an outlying possession are U.S. nationals but do not automatically acquire citizenship through birth in an outlying possession.

The bill also waives certain naturalization requirements, including those related to English language proficiency and participation in a public ceremony, for individuals who have continuously resided in an outlying possession or state from birth to the approval of a naturalization application.

The Department of Interior may issue a grant to America Samoa for holding a referendum on whether those born or residing in America Samoa should be declared U.S. citizens.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 13, 2019:** 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.