

HR 1275

Voter Empowerment Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 22, 2019
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jun 28, 2019
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jun 28, 2019
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Sep 10, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2019
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2019
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 14, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 14, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8941	Related bill	Dec 10, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 3281	Related bill	Jun 28, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
116 S 1834	Related bill	Jun 13, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 1451	Related bill	Apr 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
116 HR 1460	Related bill	Apr 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
116 S 949	Related bill	Mar 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 1	Related bill	Mar 14, 2019: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 39.
116 HR 1573	Related bill	Mar 6, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 HR 1504	Related bill	Mar 5, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 HR 1513	Related bill	Mar 5, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 HR 1535	Related bill	Mar 5, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 HR 1546	Related bill	Mar 5, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 HR 1438	Related bill	Feb 28, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 S 624	Related bill	Feb 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
116 S 549	Identical bill	Feb 25, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
116 HR 734	Related bill	Jan 23, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 HR 650	Related bill	Jan 17, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
116 HR 93	Related bill	Jan 3, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

Summary (as of Feb 14, 2019)

Voter Empowerment Act of 2019

This bill addresses access to voting, including by

- requiring states to allow online voter registration, establish automatic voter registration, permit same day voter registration, and accept voter registration applications from individuals under age 18;
- prohibiting interference with voter registration or voting;
- requiring paper ballots and manual counting for recounts and audits;
- requiring states to allow early voting and voting by mail without additional conditions;
- making grants to states for poll worker recruitment and training;
- prohibiting certain political activities by a state's chief state election administration official;
- making grants for conducting risk-limiting audits of the results of elections; and
- permanently reauthorizing the Election Assistance Commission.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Science, Space, and Technology, Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Reform, and Education and Labor, 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.
- **Feb 14, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.

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