

HR 196

Democracy Restoration Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jan 3, 2019
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Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jan 3, 2019
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Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jan 3, 2019
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Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jan 28, 2019
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		May 7, 2019
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Jun 26, 2019
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jul 10, 2019
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 23, 2019
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Aug 9, 2019

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jan 29, 2020
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 4, 2020
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jul 31, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 3, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8941	Related bill	Dec 10, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 S 1068	Related bill	Apr 9, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 1893	Related bill	Apr 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
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 S 697	Related bill	Mar 7, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jan 3, 2019)

Democracy Restoration Act of 2019

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

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. The bill provides for enforcement of, and remedies for violations of, the bill.

The bill sets forth requirements for state and federal notification of individuals of the restoration of their voting rights.

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

- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.