

HR 4000

Fair Representation Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Aug 28, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

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| Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5] | D · TN | | Jul 25, 2019 |
| Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17] | D · CA | | Jul 25, 2019 |
| Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2] | D · MA | | Jul 25, 2019 |
| Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52] | D · CA | | Jul 25, 2019 |
| Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8] | D · MD | | Jul 25, 2019 |
| Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2] | D · CO | | Feb 21, 2020 |
| Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3] | D · OR | | Oct 1, 2020 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Committee on House Administration | House | Referred To | Jul 25, 2019 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Aug 28, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 S 2226 | Related bill | Jul 23, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |

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This bill requires (1) that ranked choice voting (a system in which voters rank candidates in order of preference) be used for all elections for Members of the House of Representatives, (2) that states entitled to six or more Representatives establish districts such that three to five Representatives are elected from each district, and (3) that states entitled to fewer than six Representatives elect all Representatives on an at-large basis.

The bill also requires that congressional redistricting be conducted in accordance with a plan developed by (1) a state-established independent commission; or (2) if such a commission fails to enact a plan, a three-judge panel from a U.S. District Court.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 28, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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.