

HR 4053

Empower Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Aug 28, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 5070	Related bill	Dec 19, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 9029	Related bill	Dec 18, 2020: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, House Administration, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Rules, Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, and the Budget, 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.
116 S 1917	Related bill	Jun 20, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
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.

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This bill modifies the system for the public financing of presidential primary and general elections.

The bill (1) increases the amount of matching funds for participating candidates by matching the first \$200 of contributions by individuals to a candidate at a 6:1 ratio; (2) eliminates spending limits on participating candidates; (3) allows the national committee of a political party to make expenditures of up to \$100 million in coordination with participating candidates; (4) requires all payments made to candidates, beginning with the 2028 presidential election, to be made from the Freedom From Influence Fund established by this bill; and (5) prohibits joint fundraising committees for any authorized committee of a candidate.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 28, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Aug 28, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, 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.