

S 4263

John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Jul 22, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 4 | Related bill | Jul 27, 2020: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 107, enrollment corrections on H.R. 4 have been made. |
| 116 HR 1799 | Related bill | May 3, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. |
| 116 S 561 | Related bill | Feb 26, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |

Summary (as of Jul 22, 2020)

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This bill establishes new criteria for determining which states and political subdivisions must obtain preclearance before changes to voting practices may take effect. (Preclearance is the process of receiving federal preapproval before making legal changes that would affect voting rights.) In addition, the bill expands voting access on tribal lands.

Actions Timeline

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