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Voter Empowerment Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 22, 2020
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Aug 12, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Aug 12, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 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 1275	Identical bill	Mar 22, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
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 1631	Related bill	Mar 7, 2019: Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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.
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 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.

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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

- **Feb 25, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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