

## S 561

Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Feb 26, 2019)

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]

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

**Cosponsors** (46 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 26, 2019

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 11, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 26, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4	Related bill	<b>Jul 27, 2020:</b> Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 107, enrollment corrections on H.R. 4 have been made.
116 S 4263	Related bill	<b>Jul 22, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 1799	Related bill	<b>May 3, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

## Summary (as of Feb 26, 2019)

## Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019

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

- **Feb 26, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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