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Native American Voting Rights Act of 2019

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 12, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]

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

Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 13, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 11, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 27, 2020
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 15, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 12, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1694	Related bill	May 3, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Summary (as of Mar 12, 2019)

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This bill modifies the voting rights of Native American and Alaska Native voters. Changes made by the bill include the following:

- expanding the types of facilities that can be used as voter registration agencies,
- increasing polling site accessibility,
- providing enforcement power to citizens and attorneys general,
- requiring approval for actions like moving a polling place,
- validating certain tribal identification for voting or registering, and
- expanding requirements for bilingual voting accessibility.

The bill also establishes a Native American voting task force grant program for the purpose of increasing voter outreach, education, registration, turnout, and accessibility for Native American communities.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 12, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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