

## HR 8941

To secure the Federal voting rights of persons when released from incarceration.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Dec 10, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Dec 10, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/8941>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Hall, Kwanza [D-GA-5]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                          | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18] | D · TX        |      | Dec 31, 2020 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | House   | Referred To | Dec 10, 2020 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 116 S 1068  | Related bill | <b>Apr 9, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.                            |
| 116 HR 1893 | Related bill | <b>Apr 8, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.              |
| 116 S 949   | Related bill | <b>Mar 28, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.                                 |
| 116 HR 1275 | Related bill | <b>Mar 22, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. |
| 116 S 697   | Related bill | <b>Mar 7, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.                            |
| 116 S 549   | Related bill | <b>Feb 25, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.                |
| 116 HR 196  | Related bill | <b>Jan 3, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.  |

## Summary (as of Dec 10, 2020)

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This bill establishes that an individual's right to vote in a federal election may not be abridged due to a criminal conviction unless the individual is incarcerated for a felony sentence at the time of the election. The bill also (1) requires incarcerated individuals to be notified of the restoration of their voting rights upon release, and (2) prohibits states and local governments that do not comply with this bill from receiving federal funds for constructing or improving prisons.

## Actions Timeline

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