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For the People Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

**Cosponsors** (48 total)

<b>Cosponsor</b>	<b>Party / State</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 17, 2021

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 17, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Aug 11, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 5331	Related bill	<b>Dec 21, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 S 5277	Related bill	<b>Dec 15, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 4766	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
117 S 4822	Related bill	<b>Sep 22, 2022:</b> Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 49 - 49. Record Vote Number: 346. (CR S4949-4950)
117 S 443	Related bill	<b>Jul 19, 2022:</b> Committee on Rules and Administration. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-331.
117 HR 7134	Related bill	<b>Mar 17, 2022:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
117 HR 2358	Related bill	<b>Oct 19, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 S 2093	Related bill	<b>Sep 15, 2021:</b> Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure withdrawn by unanimous consent in Senate. (CR S6516-6517)
117 S 2670	Related bill	<b>Aug 7, 2021:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 119.
117 S 2671	Related bill	<b>Aug 7, 2021:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 120.
117 S 2512	Related bill	<b>Jul 28, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HR 3867	Related bill	<b>Jun 15, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
117 HR 1530	Related bill	<b>May 18, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HR 1245	Related bill	<b>Apr 28, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 1279	Related bill	<b>Apr 28, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 1334	Related bill	<b>Apr 28, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HR 2605	Related bill	<b>Apr 15, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 S 954	Related bill	<b>Mar 24, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 HR 1	Related bill	<b>Mar 11, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate.
117 HR 1515	Related bill	<b>Mar 2, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 1516	Related bill	<b>Mar 2, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 S 530	Related bill	<b>Mar 2, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
117 HR 134	Related bill	<b>Mar 1, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HR 1461	Related bill	<b>Mar 1, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 181	Related bill	<b>Mar 1, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ethics.
117 HR 1414	Related bill	<b>Feb 26, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 1274	Related bill	<b>Feb 24, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 S 416	Related bill	<b>Feb 24, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 HR 1237	Related bill	<b>Feb 23, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 1171	Related bill	<b>Feb 18, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 1172	Related bill	<b>Feb 18, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 1059	Related bill	<b>Feb 15, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 1077	Related bill	<b>Feb 15, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
117 HR 966	Related bill	<b>Feb 11, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 989	Related bill	<b>Feb 11, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 827	Related bill	<b>Feb 4, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
117 HR 775	Related bill	<b>Feb 3, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 776	Related bill	<b>Feb 3, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 639	Related bill	<b>Feb 1, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 640	Related bill	<b>Feb 1, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 403	Related bill	<b>Jan 21, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
117 HR 422	Related bill	<b>Jan 21, 2021:</b> Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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.
117 HR 347	Related bill	<b>Jan 19, 2021:</b> Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.
117 HR 244	Related bill	<b>Jan 11, 2021:</b> Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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.
117 HR 231	Related bill	<b>Jan 6, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
117 HR 65	Related bill	<b>Jan 4, 2021:</b> Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

## For the People Act of 2021

This bill addresses voter access, election integrity and security, campaign finance, and ethics for the three branches of government.

Specifically, the bill expands voter registration (e.g., automatic and same-day registration) and voting access (e.g., vote-by-mail and early voting). It also limits removing voters from voter rolls.

The bill requires states to establish independent redistricting commissions to carry out congressional redistricting.

Additionally, the bill sets forth provisions related to election security, including sharing intelligence information with state election officials, supporting states in securing their election systems, developing a national strategy to protect U.S. democratic institutions, establishing in the legislative branch the National Commission to Protect United States Democratic Institutions, and other provisions to improve the cybersecurity of election systems.

Further, the bill addresses campaign finance, including by expanding the prohibition on campaign spending by foreign nationals, requiring additional disclosure of campaign-related fundraising and spending, requiring additional disclaimers regarding certain political advertising, and establishing an alternative campaign funding system for certain federal offices.

The bill addresses ethics in all three branches of government, including by requiring a code of conduct for Supreme Court Justices, prohibiting Members of the House from serving on the board of a for-profit entity, and establishing additional conflict-of-interest and ethics provisions for federal employees and the White House.

The bill requires the President, the Vice President, and certain candidates for those offices to disclose 10 years of tax returns.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 11, 2021:** Senate Committee on Rules and Administration discharged by Yea-Nay Vote. 50 - 49. Record Vote Number: 358 (Pursuant to S. Res. 27, 117th Congress).(consideration: CR S6250)
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- **Aug 11, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 123.
- **May 11, 2021:** Committee on Rules and Administration. Failed to report favorably.
- **Mar 24, 2021:** Committee on Rules and Administration. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 117-14.
- **Mar 17, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 17, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.