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Right to Vote Act

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Sponsor

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Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Aug 4, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Aug 4, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Aug 5, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 22, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 25, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 4, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4959	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HR 5746	Related bill	Jan 19, 2022: Motion to proceed to consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5746 (Record Vote No. 9) withdrawn in Senate.

Right to Vote Act

This bill addresses the right to vote in federal elections.

Specifically, the bill declares that every citizen of legal voting age shall have the fundamental right to vote in federal elections.

In addition, the bill prohibits federal, state, and local governments from substantially impairing the ability to vote in federal elections unless the government action furthers an important and particularized governmental interest. Further, the bill specifies that a government may not diminish the ability to vote in federal elections unless the action uses the least restrictive means to achieve such an interest.

A violation of rights created by the bill may be challenged in district court, and a prevailing plaintiff may receive attorney fees. The bill outlines judicial review standards for challenges to voting practices.

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