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Frank Harrison, Elizabeth Peratrovich, and Miguel Trujillo Native American Voting Rights Act of 2021

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Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 28, 2021
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Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 27, 2022
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 6, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 10, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5008	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which cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5746 (Record Vote No. 9) withdrawn in Senate.
117 S 4	Related bill	Nov 3, 2021: Motion by Senator Schumer to reconsider the vote by which cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 4 was not invoked (Record Vote No. 459) entered in Senate.

Summary (as of Aug 10, 2021)

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This bill addresses the voting rights of Native American and Alaska Native voters and voting access on tribal lands.

The bill includes provisions

- expanding the types of facilities that can be used as voter registration agencies;
- increasing polling site accessibility, including by expanding early in-person voting and providing ballot drop boxes;
- 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 to vote;
- permitting voters to designate another individual to return a ballot on their behalf; and
- expanding requirements for bilingual voting accessibility.

In addition, the bill 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.

The bill also directs the Government Accountability Office to study and report on (1) the prevalence of nontraditional or nonexistent mailing addresses among Indians, members of tribes, and individuals residing on Indian lands; and (2) the alternatives for removing barriers to voter registration, receipt of voter information and materials, and receipt of ballots.

Actions Timeline

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