

S 2747

Freedom to Vote Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Motion by Senator Schumer to reconsider the vote by which cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 274

Latest Action: Motion by Senator Schumer to reconsider the vote by which cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 2747 was not invoked (Record Vote No. 420) entered in Senate. (Oct 20, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

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

Cosponsors (49 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Sep 14, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Sep 14, 2021
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Sep 14, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 14, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 14, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 14, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Sep 14, 2021
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Dec 9, 2021

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 9, 2021

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 5331	Related bill	Dec 21, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 S 5332	Related bill	Dec 21, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 S 5335	Related bill	Dec 21, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HR 9513	Related bill	Dec 13, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 4064	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 5053	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 S 5054	Related bill	Sep 29, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 S 4886	Related bill	Sep 20, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 S 4887	Related bill	Sep 20, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
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 2671	Related bill	Aug 7, 2021: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 120.
117 S 2626	Related bill	Aug 5, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 HR 3555	Related bill	Jul 29, 2021: Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 28 - 23.
117 S 1823	Related bill	May 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
117 S 1539	Related bill	May 10, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 HR 1245	Related bill	Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 1279	Related bill	Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 1515	Related bill	Mar 2, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 S 481	Related bill	Feb 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HR 1278	Related bill	Feb 24, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 1172	Related bill	Feb 18, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 966	Related bill	Feb 11, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 989	Related bill	Feb 11, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 774	Related bill	Feb 3, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 215	Related bill	Feb 3, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 576	Related bill	Jan 28, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 HR 65	Related bill	Jan 4, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

Summary (as of Sep 14, 2021)

Freedom to Vote Act

This bill addresses voter registration and voting access, election integrity and security, redistricting, and campaign finance.

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.

Next, the bill establishes Election Day as a federal holiday.

The bill declares that the right of a U.S. citizen to vote in any election for federal office shall not be denied or abridged because that individual has been convicted of a criminal offense unless, at the time of the election, such individual is serving a felony sentence.

The bill establishes certain federal criminal offenses related to voting. In particular, the bill establishes a new criminal offense for conduct (or attempted conduct) to corruptly hinder, interfere with, or prevent another person from registering to vote or helping someone register to vote.

Additionally, the bill sets forth provisions related to election security, including by requiring states to conduct post-election audits for federal elections.

The bill outlines criteria for congressional redistricting and generally prohibits mid-decade redistricting.

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.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 20, 2021:** Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 49 - 51. Record Vote Number: 420. (CR S7107-7108)
- **Oct 20, 2021:** Motion by Senator Schumer to reconsider the vote by which cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 2747 was not invoked (Record Vote No. 420) entered in Senate.
- **Oct 18, 2021:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (CR S7028)
- **Oct 18, 2021:** Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure presented in Senate. (CR S7028)
- **Sep 15, 2021:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 125.
- **Sep 14, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 14, 2021:** Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.