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Empower Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Taxation

Introduced: Feb 24, 2021

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 24, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/428>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 24, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 24, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 9623	Related bill	Dec 20, 2022: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, House Administration, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Rules, Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, and the Budget, 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 S 5315	Related bill	Dec 20, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 S 2093	Related bill	Sep 15, 2021: Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure withdrawn by unanimous consent in Senate. (CR S6516-6517)
117 HR 1312	Identical bill	Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HR 1	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Received in the Senate.

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This bill modifies the system for the public financing of presidential primary and general elections.

The bill (1) increases the amount of matching funds for participating candidates by matching the first \$200 of contributions by individuals to a candidate at a 6:1 ratio; (2) eliminates spending limits on participating candidates; (3) allows the national committee of a political party to make expenditures of up to \$100 million in coordination with participating candidates; (4) requires all payments made to candidates, beginning with the 2028 presidential election, to be made from the Freedom From Influence Fund established by this bill; and (5) prohibits joint fundraising committees for any authorized committee of a candidate.

Actions Timeline

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