

## S 5326

Expanding the VOTE Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Dec 20, 2022)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 21, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8770	Identical bill	<b>Dec 21, 2022:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 474.

## **Expanding the Voluntary Opportunities for Translations in Elections Act or the Expanding the VOTE Act**

This bill expands access to voting materials for individuals with limited proficiency in the English language, including by establishing incentive grants for states and political subdivisions to provide translated voting materials. Additionally, the bill directs the Government Accountability Office to study the impact of (1) reducing the threshold requirement under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and (2) expanding the definition of *language minorities* to include native speakers of additional languages.

### **Actions Timeline**

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