

HR 5393

Eliminating Local News Deserts Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 29, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 28, 2021)

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This bill requires a cable company operating within a state to carry certain low-power stations under specified conditions.

A cable company must carry such a low-power station if, among other requirements (1) the state has no exclusive, in-state broadcast television market within its boundaries; (2) there are no full-power commercial network affiliates (i.e., ABC, CBS, NBC, and FOX) that are licensed to, and principally operate within, the state; and (3) such low-power station provides a minimum amount of particularized local programming each week.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Sep 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
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