

HR 5746

Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Oct 27, 2021
Rep. Carter, Troy [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Oct 27, 2021
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Oct 27, 2021
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Dec 7, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 27, 2021

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 9484	Related bill	Dec 8, 2022: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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 HR 4064	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 4959	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HR 5008	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HR 5053	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 HR 6872	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 S 5054	Related bill	Sep 29, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 S 4822	Related bill	Sep 22, 2022: Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 49 - 49. Record Vote Number: 346. (CR S4949-4950)
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 S 4487	Related bill	Jun 23, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 HR 7992	Related bill	Jun 8, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
117 S 4239	Related bill	May 18, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 HR 6620	Related bill	Feb 7, 2022: Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on 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 HRES 868	Related bill	Jan 12, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 S 3303	Related bill	Dec 2, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
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.
117 S 2747	Related bill	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.
117 S 2702	Related bill	Aug 10, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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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 S 2615	Related bill	Aug 4, 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 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 S 215	Related bill	Feb 3, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 640	Related bill	Feb 1, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
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.

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

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 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 and establishing an alternative campaign funding system for certain federal offices.

Next, the bill establishes new criteria for determining which states and political subdivisions must obtain preclearance before changes to voting practices may take effect. Preclearance is the process of receiving preapproval from the Department of Justice or the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia before making legal changes that would affect voting rights.

The bill also includes provisions related to federally protected activities at polling places and voting access on tribal lands.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 19, 2022:** Considered by Senate (Message from the House considered). (consideration: CR S277-340)
- **Jan 19, 2022:** Cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5746 not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 49 - 51. Record Vote Number: 9. (CR S339)
- **Jan 19, 2022:** Motion by Senator Schumer to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5746 (Record Vote No. 9) entered in Senate.
- **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) made in Senate.
- **Jan 19, 2022:** Point of order that for the Message from the House with respect to H.R. 5746, the only debate in order during consideration of the Message be on the question of adoption of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House, that no further amendments, motions, or points of order be in order, and that any appeals be determined without debate, raised in Senate.
- **Jan 19, 2022:** Ruling of the Chair that the point of order raised by Senator Schumer with respect to the House message to accompany H.R. 5746, not sustained.
- **Jan 19, 2022:** Motion by Senator Schumer to appeal the ruling of the chair not agreed to, the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgement of the Senate" by Yea-Nay Vote. 52 - 48. Record Vote Number: 10.
- **Jan 19, 2022:** Ruling of the Chair sustained.
- **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.
- **Jan 18, 2022:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 18, 2022:** Measure laid before Senate by motion. (consideration: CR S229-253; S253-272)
- **Jan 18, 2022:** Motion by Senator Schumer to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5746 made in Senate. (CR S229)
- **Jan 18, 2022:** Motion by Senator Schumer to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5746 with an amendment (SA 4903) made in Senate. (CR S229)
- **Jan 18, 2022:** Motion by Senator Schumer to refer to Senate Committee on Rules and Administration the House message to accompany H.R. 5746 with instructions to report back forthwith with the following amendment (SA 4905) made in Senate. (CR S229)
- **Jan 18, 2022:** Cloture motion on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5746 presented in Senate. (CR S230)
- **Jan 13, 2022:** Mr. Butterfield moved that the House agree with an amendment to the Senate amendment.
- **Jan 13, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 868, Mr. Butterfield moved to agree to the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 5746.
- **Jan 13, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the motion to agree to the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 5746.
- **Jan 13, 2022:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jan 13, 2022:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree with an amendment to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 220 - 203 (Roll no. 9).
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- **Jan 13, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 13, 2022:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate amendment.
- **Dec 14, 2021:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S9155)
- **Dec 14, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 14, 2021:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 14, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 9, 2021:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Mr. Beyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7470-7472)
- **Dec 8, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5746.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7470-7471)
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7471)

- **Dec 8, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.