

## HR 775

### Disability Voting Rights Act

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Feb 3, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2358	Related bill	Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
117 S 1	Related bill	Aug 11, 2021: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 123.
117 S 954	Related bill	Mar 24, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
117 HR 1	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Received in the Senate.

## **Disability Voting Rights Act**

This bill requires each state to allow individuals with disabilities to use absentee registration procedures and to vote by absentee ballot in federal elections.

The bill requires each state to

- accept and process any otherwise valid voter registration and absentee ballot applications from individuals with disabilities if the applications are received within the deadline for the federal election;
- establish procedures for individuals with disabilities to request, and for the state to send, voter registration and absentee ballot applications by mail and through electronic means;
- create procedures for securely transmitting blank absentee ballots by mail and through electronic means to individuals with disabilities;
- designate a single office to provide information on voter registration and absentee ballot procedures for individuals with disabilities; and
- specify a means of electronic communication for individuals with disabilities to request, and for the state to send, voter registration and absentee ballot applications.

Further, each state must transmit a validly requested absentee ballot to an individual with a disability within 45 days of an election. However, the bill establishes a procedure for a state to apply to the Department of Justice for a waiver of this requirement.

The bill also permanently reauthorizes and expands a program under which the Department of Health and Human Services makes payments to eligible states and units of local government to assure voting access for individuals with disabilities.

## **Actions Timeline**

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