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Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 18, 2021
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 27, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 11, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 7, 2022
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 7, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 18, 2021

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2070	Identical bill	Jun 16, 2021: Committee Hearings Held.

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This bill establishes a process for the people of Puerto Rico to vote on the political status (e.g., statehood) of the territory. Congress may ratify the decision through a joint resolution.

The bill declares that the legislature of Puerto Rico has the authority to call a status convention regarding the political status of the territory.

The bill provides for public financing of delegate elections to the status convention and establishes a Congressional Bilateral Negotiating Commission to provide advice and consultation to delegates of the status convention.

The status convention must provide self-determination options for a referendum of the people of Puerto Rico. Ranked-choice voting is a permitted format for the referendum. Delegates shall carry out an educational campaign through traditional paid media related to the referendum.

The bill provides for congressional consideration of a joint resolution to ratify the self-determination option selected through the referendum.

Actions Timeline

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