

## HR 8770

### Expanding the VOTE Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Sep 2, 2022

**Current Status:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 474.

**Latest Action:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 474. (Dec 21, 2022)

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

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Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Sep 2, 2022
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Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Sep 2, 2022
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Sep 2, 2022
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Sep 2, 2022
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Sep 2, 2022
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Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Sep 2, 2022
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Sep 2, 2022
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Sep 2, 2022
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Sep 2, 2022
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Sep 6, 2022
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Sep 9, 2022
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Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Sep 9, 2022
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Sep 9, 2022
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Sep 9, 2022

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Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Sep 21, 2022
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Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Sep 28, 2022
Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Sep 29, 2022
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Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Dec 7, 2022
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Dec 12, 2022
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Dec 12, 2022
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Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Dec 12, 2022
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Discharged From	Dec 21, 2022
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Dec 21, 2022

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 5326	Identical bill	Dec 20, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

## **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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- **Dec 21, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 117-654, Part I.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Committee on House Administration discharged.
- **Dec 21, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 474.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 11.
- **Sep 2, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 2, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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.