

HR 8770

Expanding the VOTE Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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

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| Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1] | D · NM | | Sep 2, 2022 |
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| Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41] | D · CA | | Sep 2, 2022 |
| 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. 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 |
| Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7] | D · AZ | | Sep 9, 2022 |
| Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5] | D · NJ | | Sep 9, 2022 |
| 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. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2] | D · WI | | Sep 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3] | D · KY | | Sep 13, 2022 |
| Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1] | D · WA | | Sep 14, 2022 |
| Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9] | D · TX | | Sep 14, 2022 |
| Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26] | D · CA | | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7] | D · TX | | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5] | D · PA | | Sep 19, 2022 |
| Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17] | D · NY | | Sep 20, 2022 |
| Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7] | D · PA | | Sep 20, 2022 |
| Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8] | D · NY | | Sep 21, 2022 |
| Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2] | D · MA | | Sep 21, 2022 |
| Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46] | D · CA | | Sep 22, 2022 |
| Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35] | D · TX | | Sep 26, 2022 |
| Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8] | D · PA | | Sep 28, 2022 |
| Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8] | D · MD | | Sep 28, 2022 |
| Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large] | D · VI | | Sep 29, 2022 |
| Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11] | D · IL | | Sep 30, 2022 |
| Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31] | D · CA | | Oct 7, 2022 |
| Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large] | D · DE | | Oct 14, 2022 |
| 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 |
| Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10] | D · WA | | Dec 12, 2022 |
| Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35] | D · CA | | Dec 12, 2022 |
| Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15] | D · NY | | Dec 12, 2022 |
| Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3] | D · MA | | Dec 13, 2022 |

Committee Activity

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| 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 |
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| 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

- **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.