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Freedom to Vote Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

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

Cosponsors (51 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [I-AZ]	I · AZ		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 25, 2023

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Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 25, 2023
Sen. Butler, Laphonza R. [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 12, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 25, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 5606	Related bill	Dec 19, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 S 5615	Related bill	Dec 19, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 HR 11	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
118 HR 8825	Related bill	Jul 10, 2024: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4561)
118 HR 8677	Related bill	Jun 11, 2024: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
118 S 3916	Related bill	Mar 12, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 HR 7329	Related bill	Feb 13, 2024: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.
118 S 3750	Related bill	Feb 7, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 7210	Related bill	Feb 1, 2024: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
118 HR 6267	Related bill	Nov 7, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.
118 S 2842	Related bill	Sep 19, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 S 2843	Related bill	Sep 19, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 HR 5290	Related bill	Aug 25, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
118 HR 4987	Related bill	Jul 27, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 5046	Related bill	Jul 27, 2023: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.
118 S 2575	Related bill	Jul 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 S 2344	Related bill	Jul 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 HR 1118	Related bill	Jul 11, 2023: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Pappas asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1118, a bill originally introduced by Representative Cicilline, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.
118 S 1677	Related bill	May 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 3130	Related bill	May 9, 2023: 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.
118 S 1487	Related bill	May 9, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 HR 2599	Related bill	Apr 13, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

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118 HR 1583	Related bill	Mar 14, 2023: 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.
118 HR 1295	Related bill	Mar 1, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
118 S 486	Related bill	Feb 16, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 S 512	Related bill	Feb 16, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 HR 988	Related bill	Feb 14, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 239	Related bill	Jan 10, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

Summary (as of Jul 25, 2023)

Freedom to Vote Act

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

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 declares that the right of a U.S. citizen to vote in any election for federal office shall not be denied or abridged because that individual has been convicted of a criminal offense unless, at the time of the election, such individual is serving a felony sentence.

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, requiring additional disclosure of campaign-related fundraising and spending, requiring additional disclaimers regarding certain political advertising, and establishing an alternative campaign funding system for certain federal offices.

Actions Timeline

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