

## HR 14

John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Sep 19, 2023

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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 4	Related bill	<b>Feb 29, 2024:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2023**

This bill establishes new criteria for determining which states and political subdivisions must obtain preclearance before changes to voting practices may take effect. Preclearance is the process of receiving preapproval from the Department of Justice (DOJ) or the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia before making legal changes that would affect voting rights.

A state and all of its political subdivisions shall be subject to preclearance of voting practice changes for a 10-year period if, during the previous 25 years:

- 15 or more voting rights violations occurred in the state;
- 10 or more violations occurred, at least 1 of which was committed by the state itself; or
- 3 or more violations occurred and the state administers the elections.

A political subdivision as a separate unit shall also be subject to preclearance for a 10-year period if three or more voting rights violations occurred there during the previous 25 years.

States and political subdivisions that meet certain thresholds regarding minority groups must preclear covered practices before implementation, such as redistricting.

States and political subdivisions must notify the public of changes to voting practices.

The bill authorizes DOJ to require states or political subdivisions to provide certain documents or answers to questions for enforcing voting rights.

The bill outlines factors courts must consider when hearing challenges to voting practices, such as the extent of any history of official voting discrimination in the state or political subdivision.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 19, 2023:** Introduced in House
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