

## HR 643

### Equal Voices Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Congress

**Introduced:** Jan 31, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (Feb 1, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/643>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jan 31, 2023
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jan 31, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jan 31, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 31, 2023
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 1, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Congress

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Equal Voices Act**

This bill sets out a formula to calculate the number of Members in the House of Representatives, which has been capped at 435 since 1929.

Under the formula, the number of Members is equivalent to the total population of the United States divided by the population of the state with the smallest population (rounded to the nearest whole odd number) and is calculated following each census.

If the formula increases or decreases the size of the House by 15% or more, a temporary congressional commission must convene to make recommendations on the optimal size of the House and the apportionment of Members among the states. The commission must submit its recommendations within six months of the census, and it terminates 30 days after that submission.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 1, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 31, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 31, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H559)
- **Jan 31, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and 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.

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