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## **Federal Election Reform Bill Tracking** **113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

### **Voting Bills**

#### **HOUSE**

Bill No. [HR. 12](#)  
Title: Voter Empowerment Act  
Introduced: 1/23/2013  
Sponsor: Rep. John Lewis (GA) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Voter Registration Modernization  
Description: To modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

Bill No. [HR 50](#)  
Title: Streamlined and Improved Methods at Polling Locations and Early (SIMPLE) voting act of 2013  
Introduced: 1/3/2013  
Sponsor: George Miller (CA) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Voting Reform  
Description: To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to promote early voting in elections for Federal office and to prevent unreasonable waiting times for voters at polling places used in such elections, and for other purposes.

Bill No. [HR. 97](#)  
Title: FAST Voting Act  
Introduced: 1/3/2013  
Sponsor: Rep Gerald Connolly (VA) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Voter Registration  
Description: To provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration.

Bill No. [HR. 280](#)  
Title: Same Day Registration Act of 2013  
Introduced: 1/15/2013  
Sponsor: Rep Keith Ellison (MN) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Voting Rights

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Description: To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration

Bill No. [HR. 281](#)

Title: Voter Access Protection Act of 2013

Introduced: 1/15/2013

Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison (MN) [Cosponsors](#)

Key Issues: Voter ID

Description: To prohibit election officials from requiring individuals to provide photo identification as a condition of obtaining or casting a ballot in an election for Federal office or registering to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes

Bill No. [HR. 289](#)

Title: Value Our Time Election Act

Introduced: 1/15/2013

Sponsor: Rep. James Moran (VA) [Cosponsors](#)

Key Issues: Voting Registration Modernization

Description: To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to modernize State voting systems by allowing for increased use of the internet in voter registration, and for other purposes.

Bill No. [HR. 299](#)

Title: District of Columbia Voting Rights Restoration Act of 2013

Introduced: 1/15/2013

Sponsor: Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (CA) [Cosponsors](#)

Key Issues: Voting Rights

Description: To require: (1)Restoration of right of District of Columbia residents to participate as Maryland residents in congressional election, (2) restoration of right of District of Columbia residents to participate as Maryland residents in Presidential elections.

Bill No. [HR. 337](#)

Title: Redistricting Transparency Act of 2013

Introduced: 1/22/2013

Sponsor: Rep. Jim Cooper (TN) [Cosponsors](#)

Key Issues: Redistricting, Voter Registration Modernization

Description: To require States to carry out Congressional redistricting in accordance with a process under which members of the public are informed of redistricting proposals and have the opportunity to participate in the development of such proposals prior to their adoption, and for other purposes.

Bill No. [HR. 376](#)

Title: Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act of 2013

Introduced: 1/23/2013

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Sponsor: Rep. Susan Davis (CA) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Voter Registration Modernization  
Description: To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow all eligible voters to vote by mail in Federal elections.

Bill No. [HR. 653](#)  
Title: Students Voicing Opinions in Today's Elections (VOTE) Act  
Introduced: 2/13/13  
Sponsor: Rep. Al Green (TX) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Voter Registration Modernization  
Description: To direct the Election Assistance Commission to carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds to local educational agencies for initiatives to provide voter registration information to secondary school students in the 12th grade.

## **SENATE**

Bill No. [S. 58](#)  
Title: LINE Act of 2013 (Lines Interfere with National Elections)  
Introduced: 1/22/2013  
Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Boxer [Cosponsors](#)  
Key issues: Voter Registration Modernization  
Description: A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote.

Bill No. [S. 85](#)  
Title: FAST Voting Act of 2013 (Fair, Accurate, Secure, and Timely)  
Introduced: 1/23/2013  
Sponsor: Christopher Coons (DE) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key issues: Voter Registration Modernization  
Description: A bill to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration

Bill No. [S. 123](#)  
Title: Voter Empowerment Act  
Introduced: 1/23/2013  
Sponsor: Sen. Kristen Gillibrand (NY) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Voter Registration Modernization  
Description: A bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

Bill No. [S. 302](#)  
Title: Voter Integrity Protection Act

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Introduced: 2/13/13  
Sponsor: Sen. David Vitter (LA) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Voting disenfranchisement, Mass Incarceration, Racial Justice  
Description: To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make voting in a Federal election by an unlawfully present alien an aggravated felony and for other purposes.

Bill No. [S. 532](#)  
Title: Same Day Registration Act  
Introduced: 3/12/13  
Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Voter Registration Modernization  
Description: To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to provide for same day registration.

## **Money & Politics**

### **HOUSE**

Bill No. [HR. 95](#)  
Title: To reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions.  
Introduced: 1/3/2013  
Sponsor: Rep Tom Cole (OK) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Campaign finance Reform  
Description: To reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions

Bill No. [HR. 94](#)  
Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions.  
Introduced: 1/3/2013  
Sponsor: Rep Tom Cole (OK) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Campaign Finance Reform  
Description: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions.

Bill No. [HR. 128](#)  
Title: Fairness in Political Advertising Act of 2013  
Introduced: 1/3/2013  
Sponsor: Rep Marcy Kaptur (OH) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Campaign Finance Reform

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Description: To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require radio and television broadcasters to provide free broadcasting time for political advertising, and for other purposes.

Bill No. [HR. 148](#)

Title: DISCLOSE 2013 Act

Introduced: 1/3/2013

Sponsor: Rep Chris Van Hollen (MD) [Cosponsors](#)

Key Issues: Campaign Finance Reform

Description: To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and other entities, and for other purposes.

Bill No. [HR 186](#)

Title: To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate

Introduced: 1/4/2013

Sponsor: Rep. Walter Jones (NC) [Cosponsors](#)

Key Issues: Campaign Finance Reform

Description: This bill would allow for the designation of an individual to make campaign committee disbursements in the event of death of a candidate.

Bill No. [HR. 195](#)

Title: Ethnic and Foreign Lobbying Act of 2013

Introduced: 1/4/2013

Sponsor: Rep Marcy Kaptur (OH) [Cosponsors](#)

Key Issues: Campaign Finance Reform

Description: To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and expenditures by multicandidate political committees controlled by foreign-owned corporations, and for other purposes.

Bill No. [HR. 268](#)

Title: Grassroots Democracy Act of 2013

Introduced: 1/15/2013

Sponsor: Rep. John Sarbanes [Cosponsors](#)

Key Issues: Campaign Finance Reform

Description: To reform the financing of Congressional elections by encouraging grassroots participation in the funding of campaigns, and for other purposes.

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Bill No. [HR. 270](#)  
Title: Empowering Citizens Act  
Introduced: 1/15/2013  
Sponsor: Rep. David Price [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Campaign Finance Reform  
Description: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the system of public financing for Presidential elections, to establish a system of public financing for Congressional elections, to promote the disclosure of disbursements made in coordination with campaigns for election for Federal office, and for other purposes.

Bill No. [HR. 464](#)  
Title: To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reduce the limit on the amount of certain contributions which may be made to a candidate with respect to an election for Federal office.  
Introduced: 2/4/13  
Sponsor: Rep. Michael Capuano (MA) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Campaign Finance Reform  
Description: To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reduce the limit on the amount of certain contributions which may be made to a candidate with respect to an election for Federal office.

Bill No. [HR. 1338](#)  
Title: Restoring Confidence in Our Democracy Act  
Introduced: 3/21/13  
Sponsor: Rep. John Dingell [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Campaign Finance Reform  
Description: To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reassert the authority of Congress to restrict spending by corporations and labor organizations on campaigns for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

## **SENATE**

Bill No. [S. 9](#)  
Title: Clean and Fair Elections Act  
Introduced: 1/22/13  
Sponsor: Sen. Harry Reid (NV) [Cosponsors](#)  
Key Issues: Campaign finance Reform, Voter Modernization  
Description: Expresses the sense of the Senate with respect to congressional attention to elections and voting including: campaign finance, government transparency, disclosure, the right to vote, and voter registration reform.

Bill No. [S. 525](#)

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Title: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to restore the rights of the American people that were taken away by the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United.

Introduced: 3/12/13

Sponsor: Se. Bernard Sanders (VT) [Cosponsors](#)

Key Issues: Campaign Finance Reform, Money and Politics

Description: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to restore the rights of the American people that were taken away by the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case and related decisions, to protect the integrity of our elections, and to limit the corrosive influence of money in our democratic process.

## Government Reform

### SENATE

Bill No. [S. RES. 4](#)

Title: A resolution to limit certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process.

Introduced: 1/3/2013

Sponsor: Tom Udall (NM) [Cosponsors](#)

Key Issues: Democracy, Filibuster, Redistricting

Description: To limit certain uses of the filibuster in the Senate to improve the legislative process

Bill No. [S.RES. 6](#)

Title: A resolution to modify extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process.

Introduced: 1/3/2013

Sponsor: Jeff Merkley (OR) [Cosponsors](#)

Key Issues: Democracy, Electoral Reform, Redistricting

Description: To modify extended debate in the Senate to improve the legislative process.

Bill No. [S.RES. 7](#)

Title: A resolution to permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased.

Introduced: 1/3/2013

Sponsor: Frank Lautenberg (NJ) [Cosponsors](#)

Key Issues: Democracy, Electoral Reform, Redistricting

Description: To permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased.