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Federal Election Reform Bill Tracking
113th 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  
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.

Bill No. **HR. 1641**  
Title: Weekend Voting Act  
Introduced: 4/18/13  
Sponsor: Rep. Steve Israel (NY)  
Cosponsors  
Key Issues: Voter Registration Modernization  
Description: To change the date for regularly scheduled Federal elections and establish polling place hours.

Bill No. **HR. 1748**  
Title: America Votes Act of 2013  
Introduced: 4/25/13  
Sponsor: Rep. Rick Larsen (WA)  
Cosponsors  
Key Issues: Voter Identification  
Description: To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to permit an individual who is subject to a requirement to present identification as a condition of voting in an election for Federal office to meet such requirement by presenting a sworn written statement attesting to the individual's identification, and for other purposes.

Bill No. **HR. 2115**  
Title: Voter Registration Efficiency Act  
Introduced: 05/22/13  
Sponsor: Rep. Candice Miller (MI)  
Cosponsors  
Key Issues: Voter Registration
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Description: To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require an individual who applies for a motor vehicle driver's license in a new State to indicate whether the new State is to serve as the individual's residence for purposes of registering to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

SENATE

Bill No. S. 58
Title: LINE Act of 2013 (Lines Interfere with National Elections)
Introduced: 1/22/2013
Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Boxer (CA) 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: Sen. 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
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.
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Bill No. S. 532
Title: Same Day Registration Act
Introduced: 3/12/13
Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (MN)  
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
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.
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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 (MD) 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.

Bill No. HR. 270
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Title: Empowering Citizens Act
Introduced: 1/15/2013
Sponsor: Rep. David Price (NC)  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: Sen. 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.

Bill No. S. 791
Title: Follow the Money Act of 2013
Introduced: 3/12/13
Sponsor: Sen. Ron Wyden (OR) Cosponsors
Key Issues: Campaign Finance Reform, Money and Politics
Description: A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require the disclosure of contributions and expenditures for independent Federal election-related activity, and for other purposes.

**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
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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.