
LWVUS Policy Briefing: HR1, the For the People Act

116th Congress

Welcome

Thank you for attending!

- We have:
 - ✓ Muted all the lines;
 - ✓ Set aside designated time for Q&A; and
 - ✓ Staff monitoring the “question” box.
- Please note:
 - ✓ This call is being recorded.
 - ✓ Slides and a recording will included in follow up materials

Introductions



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Goals for Today

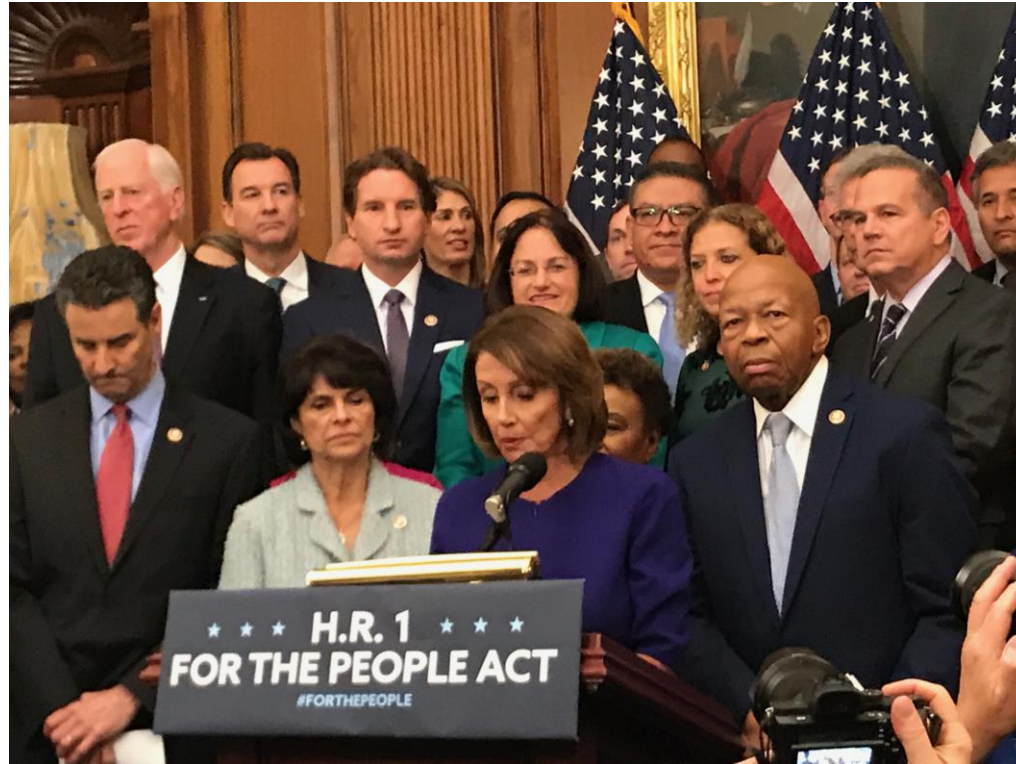
Provide an overview of HR1, the For the People Act.

Give YOU the resources to talk with your members of Congress and move this to final passage.

Today's Agenda

- How did we get here?
- What's in the bill?
- Which pieces is the League focusing on?
- How does it move forward?
- What can you do to help?
- Questions

HR1 is an Historic Opportunity



How did this bill come to fruition?

- This is a response to the state of our Democracy
- Influence from the Declaration for American Democracy Coalition
- Reforms supported by voters in the 2018 Election
- Support from incoming Freshman in the U.S. House

What's in the Bill?

HR1 is a bold, transformative set of reforms to strengthen our democracy and return political power to the people.

Broken down into three big sections covering:

- Voting Rights
- Money in Politics
- Ethics Reform

Where is the League focused?

- The League fully supports this bill, but we recognize that it is not perfect.
- There are pieces that the League will not work to promote or advance
- There's a lot of great pieces in this legislation and we are asking that state and local Leagues work with on the following pieces

Voting Rights



Voting Rights

- End Gerrymandering
 - Establish independent, citizen redistricting commission for Congressional districts



Voting Rights

- Voter Registration Modernization
 - Same Day Registration
 - Automatic Voter Registration
 - Online Voter Registration

Why Same Day Registration is critical to the success of HR1

BY CHRIS CARSON AND VIRGINIA KASE, OPINION CONTRIBUTORS — 12/31/18 02:55 PM EST
THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY CONTRIBUTORS ARE THEIR OWN AND NOT THE VIEW OF THE HILL



Voting Rights

- Restore the Voting Rights Act
 - Repair the issues created by the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*
- Stop Voter Purges
 - End voter roll purges based on failure to vote

Money in Politics



Money in Politics

Small dollar public financing

- Make it easier for citizens to have a voice in our elections
- Allows candidates who can't raise millions of dollars to participate in elections

Money in Politics

DISCLOSE Act

- Improve transparency
- Voters should know who is trying to influence their votes



How will this move forward?

- Committee Hearings are moving forward!
 - January 30: Judiciary Committee hearing
 - February 6: Oversight Committee hearing at 10 AM
 - February 6: Ways and Means Committee hearing
- Mark Up
 - The bill will get “marked up” before passing out of committee
- Final Floor vote
 - This will come to the House floor at the end of Feb./beginning of March

What can you do to help?

Call your Representative

Capitol Switchboard number: 202.224.3121

Respond to LWVUS Action Alerts

Attend or Host February Recess Events

Recess is February 18-22

Share messages on Social Media

LWVUS has sample materials to use



Materials Available from LWVUS

- Talking Points
- Sample Social Media Posts
- Draft LTE (coming soon)
- Action Alerts
- Event Listings for February Recess



Key Messages

HR1 is a bold, transformative set of reforms to strengthen our democracy and return political power to the people.

The For the People Act improves access to voting with reforms like Same Day Registration and Automatic Voter Registration.

Key Messages Continued

The For the People Act requires independent redistricting commissions, ends voter roll purges based on failure to vote, and restores the Voting Rights Act.

The For the People Act includes strong provisions for improving transparency in campaign finance and strengthening government ethics enforcement.

Next Steps

A recording of this call will be available with the slides on the League Management Site

Links to the resources mentioned will be included in a follow-up message

Questions?

Thank you!

