The For the People Act

Advancing Voting Rights at the Federal Level

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Goals for Today

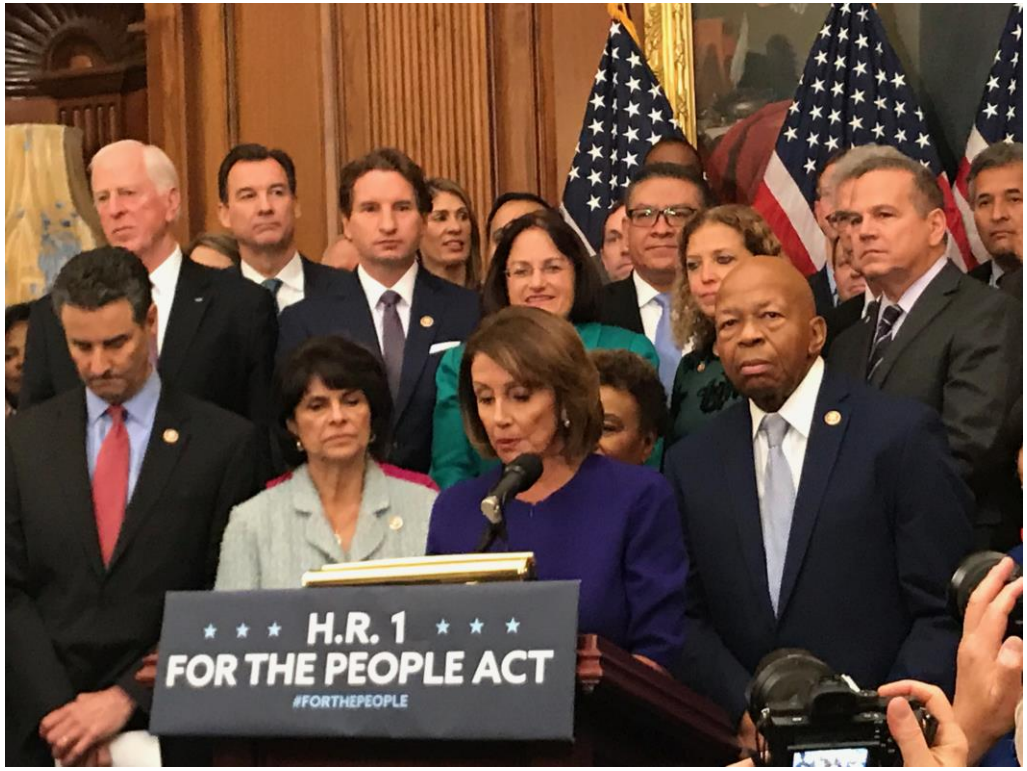
Provide an overview of the For the People Act.

Give YOU the resources to talk with your Senators and move this legislation 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

The For the People Act is an Historic Opportunity



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Source: NPR.org

Source: declarationforAmericanDemocracy.org

Source: Congress.gov

For the People Act: A Response to the state of our Democracy

Source: csindy.com

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

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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 has not worked 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

Independent Redistricting

Source: LWV Maryland

Voter Registration Modernization

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
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Money in Politics

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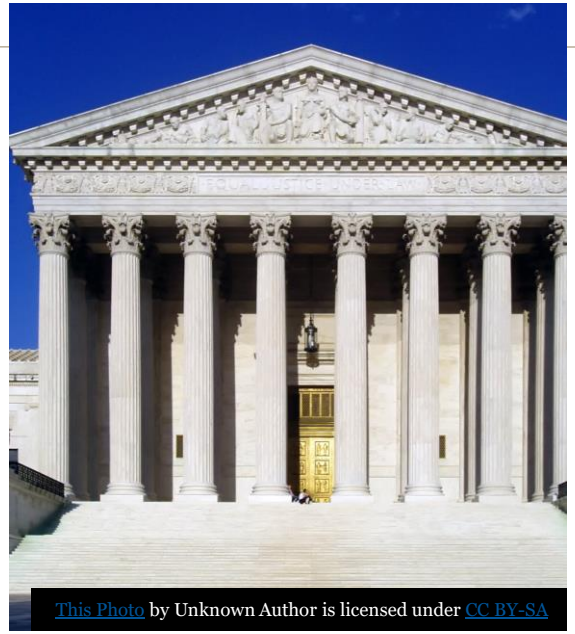

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Ethics and Transparency

How will this move forward?

- Passed the U.S. House on March 8, 2019
- Introduced in the U.S. Senate on March 28, 2019
- Currently in the U.S. Senate Finance Committee

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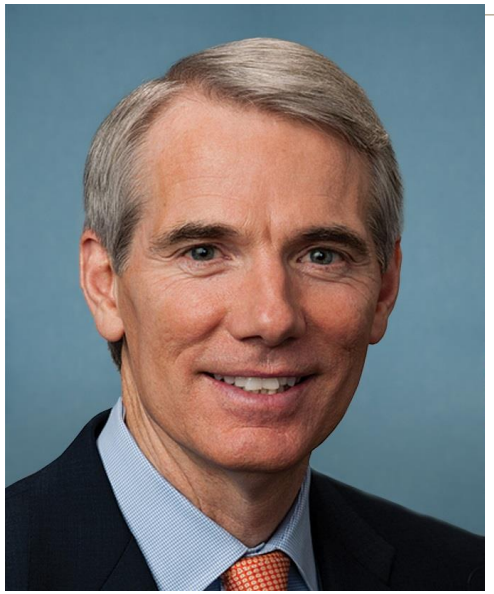

Why Ohio?

- What's the harm in having every eligible citizen register and vote?
- What's the harm in taking politics out of redistricting?
- What's the harm in showing the American people who's influencing their vote?

Taking action in Ohio!

LWVUS is working with LWVOH through a pass through grant on a targeted campaign

WE THE PEOPLE DEMAND A HEARING ON THE FOR THE PEOPLE ACT.

The For the People Act, a sweeping democracy reform bill, passed the U.S. House of Representatives on March 8, 2019, but a hearing has not been scheduled in the U.S. Senate.

What's the harm in every eligible citizen being able to register and vote?

What's the harm in taking politics out of redistricting?

What's the harm in showing the American people who's influencing their vote?

CALL YOUR U.S. SENATORS TO DEMAND A HEARING.

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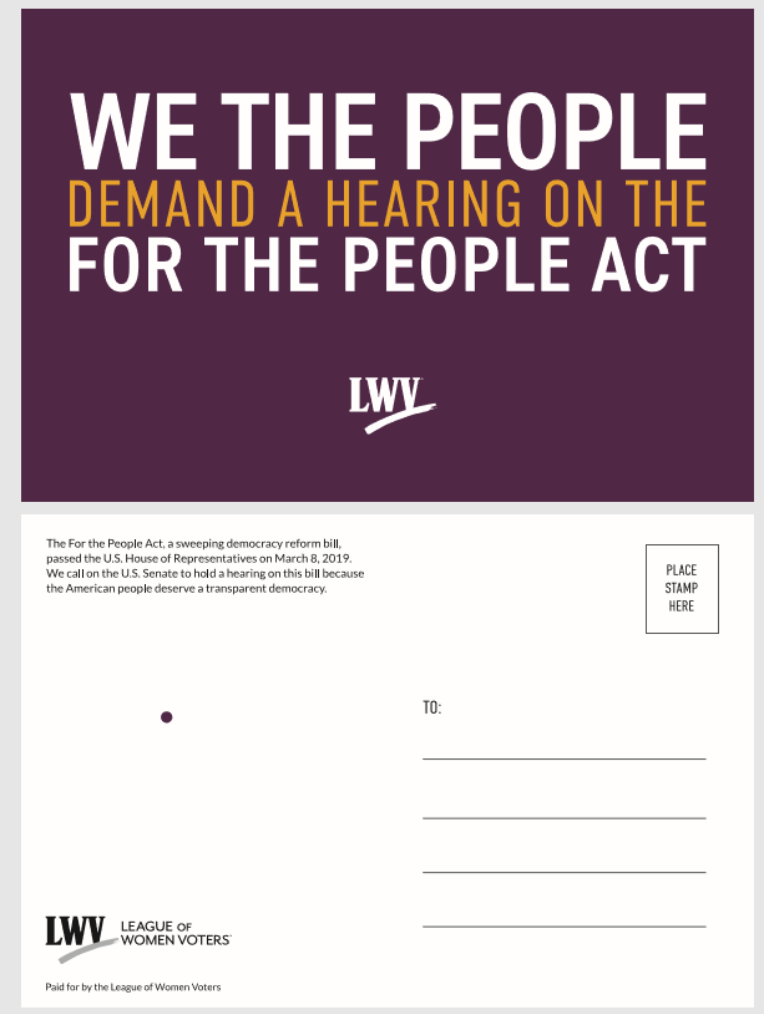
Action in Ohio

- Postcards
- Letters to the Editor
- Op Eds
- Meet with you Senators
- Action Alert



Questions?

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