

A Bill to Allow Felons in Prison to Vote While Serving Their Sentence

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2. **Section 1** Felons who are currently incarcerated shall retain their
3. right to vote while serving their sentence. Information related
4. to candidates, political platforms, debates, and election-cycle
5. news shall be made available to prisoners to better inform their
6. decisions.

7. **Section 2** "Felons" refers to individuals who have been convicted of
8. a felony offense and are currently serving that sentence in a
9. state or federal correctional facility. Voting shall occur either
10. within the prison or through absentee ballots and is up to the
11. discretion of each prison facility.

12. **Section 3** The Federal Bureau of Prisons, in coordination with
13. state correctional departments, shall ensure that felons have
14. access to voter registration materials and the opportunity to
15. exercise their right to vote. This includes providing voter
16. registration forms, voting booths, absentee ballots, and vetted
17. voting facilitation volunteers. A. The Federal Bureau of
18. Prisons shall collaborate with election officials to establish
19. secure and confidential procedures for collecting and delivering
20. completed voter registration forms and absentee ballots from
21. incarcerated individuals to the appropriate election
22. authorities. B. Voter education systems, including all
23. information reaching those incarcerated, shall be vetted by the
24. Federal Bureau of Prisons to prevent information bias related to
25. political candidates.

26. **Section 4** This legislation will take effect immediately upon
27. passage and shall aim to enfranchise felons prior to the coming
28. election cycle.

30. declared null and void.

31. Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexandra Smith