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Puerto Rico Status Act Discussion Draft

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The [Puerto Rico Status Act Discussion Draft \[BILL TEXT\]](#) represents an offer from Congress to the people of Puerto Rico to make an informed choice on their political future. The people of Puerto Rico must decide the island's political status, and Congress has the responsibility and power to facilitate that process.

The Members of Congress leading the Discussion Draft are seeking feedback to ensure that the bill that is ultimately introduced represents an informed process for resolving Puerto Rico's political status.

Interested stakeholders can provide input by completing a simple, two-step process:

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The Committee on Natural Resources has published an unofficial Spanish [translation](#) of the Puerto Rico Status Act discussion draft for the general public's convenience. If there is any inconsistency between the English and Spanish versions of the discussion draft, the English version shall be the prevailing version.

[El Borrador de Discusión de la Ley para el Estatus de Puerto Rico](#)

representa una oferta del Congreso al pueblo de Puerto Rico – para tomar una decisión informada – sobre su futuro político. El pueblo de Puerto Rico debe decidir el estatus político de la isla, y el Congreso tiene la responsabilidad y el poder de facilitar ese proceso.

Los congresistas que lideran el Borrador de Discusión solicitan insumo para asegurar que el proyecto de ley que sea presentado sea el resultado de un proceso informado para resolver el estatus político de Puerto Rico.

Cualquier persona interesada puede proveer comentarios completando un proceso sencillo de dos pasos:

1. Crear una cuenta individual en la plataforma POPVOX utilizando el [enlace](#) en la esquina superior derecha de esta página.
2. Revise el borrador de discusión de la ley y proporcione sus comentarios utilizando el espacio de comentarios en esta página.

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The Discussion

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Constituent804015

[NY-4] **Commented**

23 days ago

This suggests a poll that asks people what they agree with. The language can easily be interpreted to be asking people what the current status of Puerto Rico is, not what they want to the the future status. Many people think that Puerto Rico is a Freely Associated State, as in Spanish, the term "Estado Libre Asociado" translates to "Freely Associated State". This tactic was to give Puerto Rico it's current status. They were tricked into voting for the current status.

As a result of a...

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Constituent803999

[PR-98] **Commented**

a month ago

Statehood for Puerto Rico aligns with our Great Nation's democracy postulates. The People have spoken and demand statehood. All of the recent vote events on the subject have had the same result: a majority for statehood. Only a meager minority is pulling for independence. Statehood is what is right. Colonialism is just wrong and we have repeatedly rejected it. The People have spoken. Congress must act.

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Constituent803815

[PR-98] **Commented**

a month ago

After 35 plus years living in the states, statehood is not the answer to all of our problems. I hear all of you talking but only few have ever lived in the states. We will be exposed to losing our culture, tourism, island identity and representation around the world and much more. My calling to you is to spend all of your energy in bringing back companies to PR so our poverty levels will decrease, household income will increase and incentivize our future generation of professionals to...

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Yakuza56

[FL-6] **Commented**

a month ago

It's incredible! When congress makes all these decisions because it's with congress who decides, it has decided to let the island take a, vote on what a they want how about keeping it's always been but no, you let them decide did the British let it's finer colonies decide after ww 2 hell they cut them loose why won't congress return P.R.back to spain they took her from her mother you are not their mother but that would be admitting you you were wrong in starting a war spain has 14th best...

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Constituent803989

[CA-13] **Commented**

a month ago

I support Puerto Rico becoming a state.

Puerto Rican people do not want to be a colony, and America should not be a colonialist power.

The benefits are numerous:

1. The sometimes bizarre legal inequalities between Puerto Rico and the states would end, immediately helping Puerto Rico's economy. For example, Puerto Rico would be eligible for D-SNAP, the special food stamp program for disaster victims. No one can explain why Puerto Rico isn't eligible for the program now, but this situation...

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Constituent82740

[IL-18] **Commented**

a month ago

Dear Committee Members,

I am strongly in favor of this legislation and this approach for handling the decolonization of Puerto Rico. I have been passionate about giving Puerto Ricans the option to choose their own path forward and this bill as drafted would do so without the unconstitutional options included in some past

non-bonding votes held on the island. I am also strongly in favor of this legislation creating binding outcomes based on the status vote. This issue has been holding Puerto...

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