



Stop The Colony & Let Puerto Rico Decide

Support The Puerto Rico Status Act

DID YOU KNOW?

- Puerto Rico has been a territory of the U.S. for 125 years.
- Puerto Rico's residents have been U.S. citizens for nearly 107 years and served in every U.S. military conflict since World War I.
- However, U.S. citizens living in Puerto Rico do not have voting representation in Congress, are unable to vote for their President, and are treated unequally under certain federal laws and programs.
- On November 6, 2012, Puerto Rico held a nonbinding plebiscite where 54% of voters rejected the island's current territory status in the general election, and preferred statehood over the other options.
- On November 3, 2020, Puerto Rico held a nonbinding plebiscite where 52.5% of voters selected **statehood** again as their preferred option, achieving more support than any candidate in that election.
- Last Congress, the *Puerto Rico Status Act* passed the U.S. House of Representatives with a bipartisan vote of 233-191. However, the Senate failed to act because they ran out of time.
- No territory that has requested admission as a "state" has been denied and Congress has the sole authority to finally resolve Puerto Rico's political status.

WHAT IS THE PUERTO RICO STATUS ACT?

- This year the *Puerto Rico Status Act* was reintroduced as **H.R.2757** in the House and as **S.3231** in the Senate. The bill authorizes a federally sponsored plebiscite, and potential runoff, on options to definitively solve Puerto Rico's political status.
- The bill would enable a plebiscite in Puerto Rico for voters to choose the island's future political status between: *Statehood*; *Independence*; or *Sovereignty/Independence in Free Association with the U.S.*
- The bill describes the transition to and implementation of each status option and provides for a voter education campaign authorized by the U.S. Department of Justice to ensure informed consent.
- The bill is the result of historic bipartisan negotiation efforts to finally end the unjust and undemocratic territory status of Puerto Rico.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Urge your member of Congress to support and cosponsor **H.R.2757 / S.3231**.
- Urge your member of Congress to demand hearings in the House Committee on Natural Resources and in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- Urge your member of Congress to bring an end to America's oldest and largest colony by providing a constitutional means for the 3.2 million U.S. citizens in Puerto Rico to self-determine their future political status, and to help America live up to and honor its core founding value of government by consent of the governed.



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