

## HR 405

To permit Members of Congress to administer the oath of allegiance to applicants for naturalization.

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Jan 23, 2013

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration And Border Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration And Border Security. (Feb 28, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/405>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

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*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 28, 2013

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### Subjects & Policy Tags

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**Policy Area:**

Immigration

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jan 23, 2013)

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Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit each applicant for naturalization to choose to have the oath of allegiance for naturalization administered by a Member of Congress, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner (Member).

Limits the administration of the oath: (1) by a Senator to individuals who reside in the Senator's state; and (2) by a Member of the House of Representatives, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner to individuals who reside in the respective congressional district.

Limits the Member's authority solely to the administration of such oath.

Prohibits a Member from administering the oath during the 90-day period before any election for federal, state, or local office in which the Member is a candidate.

Requires a Member to administer the oath only at times and places designated by the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS).

Prohibits a Member from administering the oath during any period in which exclusive authority to administer it may be exercised by an eligible court for the person concerned, unless the court has waived such exclusive authority.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 28, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration And Border Security.
- **Jan 23, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 23, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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