

## HR 4706

### Blackwell School National Historic Site Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Jul 27, 2021

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Dec 9, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4706>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Jul 27, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 9, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 17, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2490	Related bill	Oct 17, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-206.

## **Blackwell School National Historic Site Act**

This bill establishes the Blackwell School National Historic Site in Texas as a unit of the National Park System to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit of present and future generations the Blackwell School, its role as both an academic and cultural cornerstone in the community in Marfa, Texas, and its function within a segregated system of education in Texas and the United States from 1885-1965.

The historic site shall not be established until the date on which the Department of the Interior has (1) entered into a written agreement with the Marfa Unified School District providing that the Blackwell School shall be donated to or placed by agreement into comanagement with the United States for inclusion in a national historic site to be managed consistently with the purposes of such a site, and (2) acquired sufficient land or interests in land within the boundaries of the historic site to constitute a manageable unit.

Interior may only acquire by donation, purchase with donated funds, or exchange any land or interest in land located within the boundary of the historic site.

The bill prohibits any private property or nonfederal public property from being included within the boundaries of the historic site or managed as part of such site without the written consent of the owner.

Interior shall prepare a general management plan for the historic site.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 9, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7546)
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 417 - 8 (Roll no. 429).
- **Dec 8, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 417 - 8 (Roll no. 429).
- **Dec 8, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-198.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 142.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Ms. Leger Fernandez moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6740-6741; text: CR H6740)
- **Dec 1, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4706.
- **Dec 1, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 17, 2021:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Discharged.
- **Nov 17, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 17, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 14, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Aug 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Jul 27, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 27, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.