

## S 4948

### Empowering States to Deport Illegal Immigrants Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Sep 27, 2022

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sep 27, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4948>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 27, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 9003	Identical bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

### Summary (as of Sep 27, 2022)

#### Empowering States to Deport Illegal Immigrants Act

This bill authorizes states to take actions to enforce federal immigration law.

Specifically, the bill authorizes states to authorize state and local law enforcement to enforce certain provisions of federal immigration law, including provisions relating to unlawful entry and employing unauthorized non-U.S. nationals (aliens under federal law). State prosecutors must prosecute every case brought by a state under this bill.

The bill also abrogates a 2012 Supreme Court ruling that invalidated an Arizona law that made it a crime for unauthorized non-U.S. nationals to work in the state. Specifically, the court ruled that the Arizona law was preempted by federal immigration law.

## Actions Timeline

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