

HR 8393

Puerto Rico Status Act

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Committee Activity

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| Natural Resources Committee | House | Reported By | Dec 14, 2022 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HRES 1519 | Procedurally related | Dec 15, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. |

Puerto Rico Status Act

This bill provides for a plebiscite to be held on November 5, 2023, to resolve Puerto Rico's political status.

Specifically, such plebiscite shall offer eligible voters a choice of independence, sovereignty in free association with the United States, or statehood.

The Puerto Rico State Elections Commission shall

- carry out a nonpartisan voter education campaign through traditional paid media and make available at all voting locations voter education materials related to the plebiscites, and
- invite national and international election observers to ensure transparency and confidence in the electoral process.

All voter educational materials and ballots used to carry out this bill shall be made available in English and Spanish.

The bill sets forth transition and implementation provisions for each choice offered in the plebiscite.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 15, 2022:** Rule H. Res. 1519 passed House.
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1519. (consideration: CR H9867-9882)
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8393 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit allowed. Bill is closed to amendments.
- **Dec 15, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 8393.
- **Dec 15, 2022:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Mr. McClintock moved to recommit to the Committee on Natural Resources. (text: CR H9880)
- **Dec 15, 2022:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Dec 15, 2022:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 209 - 217 (Roll no. 528).
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 233 - 191 (Roll no. 529).(text: CR H9867-9873)
- **Dec 15, 2022:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 233 - 191 (Roll no. 529). (text: CR H9867-9873)
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Received in the Senate.
- **Dec 14, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-642.
- **Dec 14, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 462.
- **Dec 14, 2022:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1519 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8393 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit allowed. Bill is closed to amendments.
- **Jul 20, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 20, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 25 - 20.
- **Jul 15, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 15, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.