

# HR 8517

COCOA Act of 2022

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jul 26, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration. (Jul 26, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/8517>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Steil, Bryan [R-WI-1]

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

## Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Jul 26, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jul 26, 2022

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8528	Related bill	<b>Nov 1, 2022:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

## **Confirmation Of Congressional Observer Access Act of 2022 or the COCOA Act of 2022**

This bill requires states to provide designated congressional election observers with full access to observe the administration procedures of federal elections. The bill prohibits such an observer from handling ballots or elections equipment, advocating for a position or candidate, taking any action to reduce ballot secrecy, or otherwise interfering with the elections administration process.

*Designated congressional election observer* refers to an individual who is designated in writing by specified congressional committees to gather information with respect to an election, including in the event that the election is contested in the House of Representatives or the Senate and for other purposes permitted by Article I, Section 5 of the U.S. Constitution.

## **Actions Timeline**

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