

## HR 8846

### Electoral Count Reform and Presidential Transition Improvement Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Sep 15, 2022)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Sep 15, 2022
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Sep 28, 2022
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Sep 28, 2022
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Oct 14, 2022
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Oct 14, 2022
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Dec 21, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2022
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2022
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4573	Identical bill	Oct 18, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 529.
117 HR 8824	Identical bill	Sep 14, 2022: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

## **Electoral Count Reform and Presidential Transition Improvement Act of 2022**

This bill revises the process of casting and counting electoral votes for presidential elections. The bill also revises provisions related to the presidential transition process.

The bill specifies that the choice of electors must occur in accordance with the laws of the state enacted prior to election day.

Additionally, the bill identifies each state's governor (unless otherwise identified in the laws or constitution of a state in effect on election day) as responsible for submitting the certificate of ascertainment identifying the state's electors.

Further, the bill provides for expedited judicial review for any action brought by an aggrieved presidential or vice-presidential candidate arising under the U.S. Constitution or U.S. laws with respect to the issuance or transmission of such a certificate.

The bill revises the framework for the joint session of Congress to count electoral votes and make a formal declaration of which candidates have been elected President and Vice President. Among other changes, the bill (1) specifies that the role of the Vice President during the joint session shall be ministerial in nature, and (2) raises the objection threshold in Congress to at least one-fifth of the duly chosen and sworn members of both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The bill also revises the presidential transition process, including to (1) allow more than one candidate to receive federal transition resources under certain circumstances, and (2) require additional reporting by the General Services Administration.

### **Actions Timeline**

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