

HR 425

History and Tradition Protection Act of 2023

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: LA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Jan 20, 2023
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jan 20, 2023
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Jul 17, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 20, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill limits the types of relief that may be awarded in civil suits that involve violations of the Constitution's Establishment Clause, which prohibits the government from establishing a religion.

Current law provides a statutory civil cause of action against state and local government actors for violations of constitutional rights, also known as Section 1983 lawsuits. The bill limits relief for Section 1983 lawsuits that involve violations of the Establishment Clause to injunctive and declaratory relief (i.e., nonmonetary relief) and prohibits the award of attorneys' fees in these cases, including those that involve monuments, public buildings, official seals, and government proceedings. The bill applies the same restrictions to similar lawsuits against federal agencies.

Actions Timeline

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