

HR 4472

First Amendment Protection Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: ND • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred to	Sep 12, 2023
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 6, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 6, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 6, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4563	Related bill	Jan 3, 2025: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 825.
118 HR 7321	Related bill	Jun 3, 2024: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 444.
118 HR 4471	Related bill	Jul 6, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.
118 S 1105	Related bill	Mar 30, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill makes various changes related to campaign finance.

Specifically, the bill repeals limits on coordinated party expenditures. It also provides statutory authority for the Supreme Court's holding in *McCutcheon v. FEC*, which invalidated limits on aggregate contributions by individuals.

Additionally, the bill

- raises contribution limits for state political party committees to match those contribution limits for national political party committees,
- allows two or more political committees to participate in joint fundraising activities in accordance with specified criteria,
- provides statutory authority for certain privacy protections of donors to tax-exempt organizations,
- prohibits federal funds from being used to make payments in support of a congressional election campaign, and
- revises certain registration and reporting requirements.

The bill prohibits the Securities and Exchange Commission from finalizing, issuing, or implementing any rule, regulation, or order regarding the disclosure of political contributions, contributions to tax-exempt organizations, or dues paid to trade associations.

The bill also makes changes to the Federal Election Commission (FEC), including by (1) allowing the FEC to refuse to defend an action brought against the FEC pursuant to the unanimous vote of its members, and (2) increasing the annual rate of member pay.

Further, the bill (1) permanently extends the statutory authorization for the FEC's Administrative Fine Program, and (2) establishes a five-year statute of limitations for all proceedings to enforce the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

The FEC must, within 120 days, publish proposed regulations to carry out this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 12, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Elections.
- **Jul 6, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 6, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Financial Services, and Oversight and Accountability, 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.