

HR 4474

Confirmation Of Congressional Observer Access Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: OH • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jul 6, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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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 6513	Text similarities	Oct 4, 2024: Became Public Law No: 118-106.
118 HR 4494	Related bill	Jul 6, 2023: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Accountability, Science, Space, and Technology, Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce, 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.

Confirmation Of Congressional Observer Access Act of 2023 or the COCOA Act of 2023

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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