

HR 4476

Election Integrity Mail Reform Act of 2023

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: OR • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 6, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 6, 2023

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4553	Related bill	Jul 11, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
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.

## **Election Integrity Mail Reform Act of 2023**

This bill establishes certain requirements related to election mail. *Election mail* means any item mailed to or from an individual for purposes of the individual's participation in an election for public office, including balloting materials, voter registration cards, absentee ballot applications, polling place notifications, and photographic voter identification materials.

Specifically, the bill requires the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to give priority to the processing and delivery of election mail. The USPS must (1) deliver any election mail regardless of the amount of postage paid, (2) process and clear election mail from any postal facility each day (to the greatest extent practicable), and (3) expeditiously carry and deliver election mail.

Additionally, the bill directs the USPS to place a marking or notice on election mail to indicate that the piece of mail is election mail.

The bill allows a national, state, or local committee of a political party that is eligible to mail at the nonprofit rate to conduct a cooperative mailing at that nonprofit rate with a candidate, a candidate's committee, or another committee of a political party. The national, state, or local committee of a political party may seek reimbursement for the costs of such mailing.

The bill also imposes certain criminal penalties for (1) forging or counterfeiting any postmarking stamp or impression thereof with respect to a mailed ballot for a federal, state, or local election; or (2) falsifying the date on which a postmark is applied to a mailed ballot.

## **Actions Timeline**

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