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Honest Ads Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 11	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
118 HR 5048	Related bill	Jul 28, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
118 S 1	Related bill	Jul 25, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 S 2344	Related bill	Jul 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
118 HR 2599	Identical bill	Apr 13, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

Honest Ads Act

This bill applies requirements, limitations, and protections regarding political advertising in traditional media to paid internet or digital political advertising. The bill sets forth special rules for disclosure statements for certain internet or digital ads.

Each television or radio station, provider of cable or satellite television, or online platform must ensure that the political advertising it hosts is not directly or indirectly purchased by a foreign national.

The bill outlines political record requirements for online platforms, including by requiring these platforms to publish a record of any qualified political advertisement purchased by a person whose aggregate purchases of qualified political advertisements on the platform during the calendar year exceeds \$500.

Additionally, these online platforms must display notices with online political advertisements that identify the sponsor of the advertisement.

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