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# H. RES. 1524

Requiring the use of a bipartisan panel of Members in the selection of an individual for appointment as Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EHLERS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## RESOLUTION

Requiring the use of a bipartisan panel of Members in the selection of an individual for appointment as Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. USE OF BIPARTISAN PANEL OF MEMBERS TO**  
3                       **RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINT-**  
4                       **MENT AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
5                       **OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

6           (a) BIPARTISAN PANEL TO RECOMMEND INDI-  
7 VIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT.—

8                   (1) IN GENERAL.—In the event of a vacancy in  
9       the position of Chief Administrative Officer of the

1 House of Representatives, the Speaker shall convene  
2 a panel to recommend an individual for appointment  
3 as Chief Administrative Officer.

4 (2) COMPOSITION.—The panel convened under  
5 this subsection shall be composed of the following in-  
6 dividuals:

7 (A) The chair and ranking minority mem-  
8 ber of the Committee on House Administration.

9 (B) 2 Members of the House selected by  
10 the Speaker.

11 (C) 2 Members of the House selected by  
12 the Speaker upon the recommendation of the  
13 Minority Leader.

14 (b) USE OF PRIVATE ENTITY TO ASSIST PANEL.—

15 (1) AGREEMENT WITH ENTITY.—Upon con-  
16 vening the panel under subsection (a), the Speaker  
17 shall enter into an agreement with a private entity  
18 to solicit and recruit applicants for the position of  
19 Chief Administrative Officer and to advise the panel  
20 regarding its recommendation of an individual for  
21 appointment as Chief Administrative Officer.

22 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
23 There are authorized to be appropriated from the  
24 applicable accounts of the House of Representatives

1 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this  
2 subsection.

3 (c) APPROVAL OF PANEL REQUIRED FOR QUALIFICA-  
4 TION.—For purposes of the election of an individual as  
5 Chief Administrative Officer by the House, an individual  
6 shall be considered to duly qualify as Chief Administrative  
7 Officer only if the individual is recommended for appoint-  
8 ment as Chief Administrative Officer by the panel con-  
9 vened under this section. The panel may not recommend  
10 an individual for appointment unless a majority of its  
11 members from the majority party and a majority of its  
12 members from the minority party vote in favor of the rec-  
13 ommendation.

14 (d) NO APPLICATION TO TEMPORARY APPOINT-  
15 MENTS.—This section does not apply with respect to the  
16 appointment of an individual under section 208(a) of the  
17 Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 75a–1)  
18 to act as, and to exercise temporarily the duties of, the  
19 Chief Administrative Officer in the case of a vacancy in  
20 the office of Chief Administrative Officer, or the inca-  
21 pacity or inability of the Chief Administrative Officer to  
22 perform the duties of the office.

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