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101. An Amendment to Institute Terms Limits to the Supreme Court

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 The United States shall institute term limits for all Supreme Court Justices.
- 2 SECTION 2 "Terms" shall refer to the maximum duration during which a Supreme Court Justice may
3 hold office.
- 4 SECTION 3 A "Term" shall span 20 years from the date of a Justice's appointment to the Court, with
5 each Justice eligible for only one such Term throughout their career.
- 6 SECTION 4 Any incumbent Supreme Court Justice shall serve out the remainder of their Term if it
7 doesn't exceed 20 years.
- 8 A. Justices with Terms exceeding 20 years shall vacate their seats within three
9 months of this bill's enactment.
- 10 SECTION 5 The Department of Justice shall establish a new division, The Term Implementation and
11 Enforcement Division (TIED), tasked with overseeing and enforcing Term limits.
- 12 A. TIED's jurisdiction does not only apply to the Supreme Court but also for future
13 presidential or inter-branch Term-related changes.
- 14 SECTION 6 This legislation shall become effective immediately upon passage, allowing a two-week
15 grace period for implementation.
- 16 SECTION 7 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyndon Saylor Cravero, Oak View Middle School

102. A Bill to require a Choking and CPR Certified Personnel on Staff at a Restaurant.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1 SECTION 1 THE State of Florida will hereby require restaurants to have a choking and CPR certified
2 person on duty when patrons are on the property.

3 SECTION 2 In the event of noncompliance dining establishments may be subject to penalties as
4 follows:

5 A. \$100 on the first violation, \$200 on the second, etc.

6 B. if violations exceed \$2000, they will have to close until they meet the
7 requirements.

8 C. Revocation of their license. If an establishment is in violation of this law, they
9 shall be allowed to have a twenty-day time frame to demonstrate their
10 compliments.

11 SECTION 3 This bill will be monitored by the Florida Department of Health. The DOH will train the
12 staff member(s) to know CPR and be choking certified. Classes will be available online
13 and in person.

14 SECTION 4 This legislation will come into action on June 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this bill are
15 hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Jayden White, Ponce De Leon School

103. A Bill to Implement a Federal Stand Your Ground Law

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1 A Stand Your Ground Law shall be federally implemented in order to ensure that citizens
2 enjoy the right to the lawful defense of themselves, their property, and others.

3 SECTION 2 A Stand Your Ground Law shall be defined as a law that shields a person from
4 prosecution and/or civil liability for the use or threatened use of force if he or she
5 reasonably believes that such force is necessary to defend himself or herself or another
6 from imminent death, great bodily harm, or the commission of a forcible felony, so long
7 as the person using such force is not engaged in criminal activity and is in a place where
8 he or she has a legal right to be. This includes all force, including deadly force.

9 SECTION 3 A person defending himself or herself or another as described in Section 2 shall not be
10 bound by any duty to retreat, and a failure to retreat shall not form the basis of any
11 prosecution or civil penalty for the use of force under these circumstances.
12 For the purposes of this legislation, a "duty to retreat" refers to the legal principle that a
13 person has an affirmative duty to back away or flee from a threatening situation if
14 reasonably possible rather than attempting self-defense by force.

15 SECTION 4 This legislation shall take effect immediately after its passage.

16 SECTION 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Nolan Childres, Randall Middle School

104. A Bill to Require DNA Evidence for Death Penalty Sentencing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

- 1 SECTION 1 No convicted criminal shall be sentenced to the death penalty unless DNA evidence
2 linking the criminal to the crime comprises a central element to conviction.
- 3 SECTION 2 The judge overseeing the case shall determine if DNA comprises a central element to the
4 conviction.
- 5 SECTION 3 Any inmate currently sentenced to death and awaiting the completion of that sentence
6 whose conviction was not significantly predicated on DNA evidence shall have their
7 sentence commuted to life in prison. District attorneys with jurisdiction in the court
8 where the crime was originally tried shall be responsible for making determinations and
9 shall have one year from the passage of this legislation to do so.
- 10 SECTION 4 This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice.
11 A. Judges found in violation of this legislation shall be subject to impeachment
- 12 SECTION 5 This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
13 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashton Carter, Sims Middle School

105. A Bill to Strengthen the Southern Border to Restrict Illegal Immigration

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

- 1 SECTION 1 This bill will allocate an increased amount of United States currency to Texas border
2 control for the purpose of enforcing public order and safety at Shelby Park of Eagle Pass,
3 Texas. The total amount of funding shall amount to a total of 1.2 billion dollars and may
4 be spent however deemed necessary by the USBP in order to maintain public safety.
- 5 SECTION 2 The funds Allocated to the bill should be assigned to the State of Texas by the United
6 States Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- 7 SECTION 3 Enforcement of this bill shall be carried out by the United States Border Patrol (USBP),
8 who are overseen by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The Bureau of
9 Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor may council the State of Texas in its spending to
10 ensure safety for both USBP agents and immigrants.
- 11 SECTION 4 This legislation will be placed into effect as of June 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this
12 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Tai Gauthier, Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences

106. A Bill to Prevent Members of Congress from Owning Individual Stocks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

- 1 SECTION 1 This law will prevent all members of Congress and their immediate families from being
2 allowed to own individual stocks. Members of Congress should be prohibited from
3 purchasing individual stocks because the confidential information gained in office could
4 unfairly benefit them through owning related companies. However, members of
5 Congress will be allowed to invest in collections of stocks, such as mutual funds and
6 exchange traded funds (ETFs).
- 7 SECTION 2 An individual stock is a portion of ownership of a single company. A collection of stocks is
8 ownership of a group of companies, where the companies in the collection cannot be
9 selected by individuals investing in the collection.
- 10 SECTION 3 Any Representatives or Senators and their immediate families currently holding
11 individual stocks will have 90 days after this bill is implemented to sell. Any use of trading
12 information with individuals not in Congress will also be seen as a direct violation to this
13 bill and will be a felony if proven guilty in a court of law. Any individuals not compliant to
14 this bill will receive a fine equal to 1% of their total individual stock holdings every month
15 for six months, after which they will be removed from Congress.
- 16 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
17 hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Shea, Oak View Middle School

107. A Bill to Protect Women and Girls in Sports

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1 To provide for the purposes of determining compliance with Title IX of the Education
2 Amendments of 1972 in athletics, sex shall be recognized solely based on a person's
3 reproductive biology and genetics at birth.

4 A. Title IX shall be amended in Section 901 by adding the following:

5 (d)(l) It shall be a violation of subsection (a) for a recipient of federal funds who operates,
6 sponsors, or facilitates athletic programs or activities to permit a person whose sex is
7 male to participate in an athletic program or activity that is designated for women or
8 girls.

9 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's
10 reproductive biology and genetics at birth.

11 SECTION 2 Athletic program is defined as any club, interscholastic or intermural athletic activity,
12 whether individual or team oriented, that is developed and offered by the school or
13 district to female students competing against other females, personal records, or other
14 female teams.

15 B. Reproductive biology at birth is determined by the presence of ovaries or testicles at
16 birth.

17 C. Genetics is determined by the presence of a Y chromosome at birth.

18 SECTION 3 The United States Department of Education, in conjunction with state
19 education departments, shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

20 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation
21 are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Maliha Smith, Sims Middle School

108. A Bill to Promote Mental Health Education in Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 SECTION 1 All public and private schools within the jurisdiction of this legislation shall integrate
2 mental health education into their program and curriculum for 2 years. This education
3 shall cover topics such as stress management, coping mechanisms, and recognizing signs
4 of mental illness.
- 5 SECTION 2 For the purpose of this legislation, "mental health education" shall be defined as learning
6 activities aimed at increasing understanding, awareness, and resilience related to mental
7 health issues. "Stress management" shall be defined as education of a variety of
8 strategies that a student can use to manage or reduce stress levels and "coping
9 mechanisms" shall be defined as strategies used to reduce unpleasant emotions.
- 10 SECTION 3 The Department of Education shall oversee enforcement of this legislation. The
11 enforcement procedures shall include repeated reviews of the school curricular,
12 provision of resources and training for educators on the subject, and collaboration with
13 mental health professionals to receive help on the subject.
- 14 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the next academic year following its
15 enactment. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Timofei Sobolev, Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences

TIER 2:
**201. A Bill to Ban the Use of Song Lyrics as Evidence in Court to
Protect the Music Artform**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 This bill prohibits the use of song lyrics by the jury, plaintiff, or plaintiff's attorney as
2 evidence against a songwriter as the defendant, in an attempt to find him/her guilty.
- 3 SECTION 2 As it stands right now, Prosecutors could still use lyrics against a defendant if they
4 "intended a literal meaning". This still can be left open for interpretations to be
5 exaggerated
- 6 SECTION 3 If this bill passes, It would be enforced by the Department of Justice
- 7 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on August 31, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation
8 are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Richerson, Crestview High School

202. A Resolution to Call for a Ceasefire and Arbitration in Myanmar

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 WHEREAS, The Myanmar civil war has been a prolonged conflict, enduring since 1948, and
2 responsible for the deaths of at least 45,000 people, the displacement of hundreds of
3 thousands of people, and the arrest of at least 25,000 people,
4 WHEREAS, The Myanmar civil war has had a strong negative impact on the economic and monetary
5 circumstances of residents of Myanmar and other nations,
6 WHEREAS, Various factions in the Myanmar civil war have had multitudinous human rights abuses
7 and war crimes accounted to them,
8 RESOLVED, That this Congress calls for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire of all relevant
9 factions to the Myanmar civil,
10 RESOLVED, That this Congress calls for arbitration by the United Nations to determine a lasting,
11 equitable solution to the Myanmar civil war that all relevant factions in the conflict will
12 be subjected to.

Respectfully submitted,
QI Roberts Jr. Sr. High School

203. A Bill to help immigrant students gain the right to receive financial aid.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 The current problem is that immigrant students often face significant barriers in
2 accessing financial aid for higher education due to their immigration status. This
3 legislation aims to remove the systemic barriers that prevent immigrant students from
4 accessing the financial resources they need to attend college or university. By providing
5 financial aid to immigrant students, we aim to empower them to pursue their academic
6 and career goals, contribute to society, and build a brighter future for themselves and
7 their communities.
- 8 SECTION 2 Immigrant students traveling to United States territory shall be permitted to obtain
9 financial aid in the educational institution. More than 408,000 undocumented students
10 are enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities, comprising 1.9% of all college students. All
11 immigrant students in DACA will have access to all available scholarships or other forms
12 of payment for financial aid. DACA's official definition is DACA an administrative relief
13 that protects eligible immigrants who came to the United States when they were
14 children from deportation. The definition of immigrant is a person living in a country
15 other than that of his or her birth. Financial aid is defined as Student financial aid in the
16 United States is funding that is available exclusively to students attending a post-
17 secondary educational institution in the United States.
- 18 SECTION 3 U.S Department of Education will oversee enforcement along with the specific
19 enforcement mechanism.
- 20 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on September 01, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Mia Castigliero and Alexanderia Barro, Wildwood High School

204. A Bill to Establish Stringent Nationwide Qualification Requirements for Medical Facilitators in Federal Correctional Facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 This is a motion to improve medical facilities in correctional facilities. There would be
2 more strict qualification requirements implemented. This bill would be put in place to
3 ensure that prisoners will get the right medical treatment they need when they are
4 injured. While they do get treatment it may not be the right treatment that ensures they
5 will not have long-term complications.
- 6 SECTION 2 Correctional Facilities- Prisons, Federal Jails, Juvenile departments Medical Facilitators-
7 People who are caring for the prisoners who are injured
8 Nationwide- Any federal correctional facility
- 9 SECTION 3 U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Audit Division
10 Federal Prison system
11 National Institution of Justice
12 The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Medicaid and Medicare programs
- 13 SECTION 4 This bill will start being implemented in fall of 2025 and will be in full affect in summer of
14 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Ayanna Hall, Wildwood High School

205. Haiti Civil War Prevention Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 The President is authorized to utilize diplomatic, financial, and logistical resources to
2 prevent civil war and gang takeovers in Haiti:
- 3 A. Providing support by strengthen Haiti's democratic institutions and governance
4 structures to combat gang influence and violence.
- 5 B. Assisting in the meditation of disputes and conflicts among various stakeholders
6 within Haiti, including governmental entities and community leaders, to prevent gang
7 takeovers and related violence.
- 8 C. Offering humanitarian aid support to vulnerable populations affected by socio-
9 economic challenges and gang activities in Haiti.
- 10 D. Consistent with the War Powers Resolution, the Congress declares that this is
11 intended to constitute specific statutory authorization within the meaning of the War
12 Powers Resolution.
- 13 SECTION 2 Within 180 days of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall convene
14 representatives from Haiti and international partners to speak about the root causes of
15 instability and gang-related violence, and to foster cooperation in gang prevention
16 efforts.
- 17 SECTION 3 No later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the U.S. President shall
18 arrange a meeting with the President of Haiti. Additionally, it is the sense of Congress
19 that it would be beneficial for the President of Haiti to address a Joint Meeting of
20 Congress.
- 21 SECTION 4 This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 22 SECTION 5 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null or void.

Respectfully submitted, *Antonio Jackson and Jaden Toler, Wildwood High School*

206. A Bill to End the Penny

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 The penny will no longer be produced by the United States minting presses and
2 withdrawn from circulation due to negative seigniorage.
- 3 SECTION 2 “Penny” refers to the standard one-cent coin. “Negative Seigniorage” means the cost of
4 producing a currency is lower than its value, resulting in a loss.
- 5 A. In all transactions, businesses will have the option to round up or round
6 down to the nearest five cents.
- 7 B. The penny will maintain its monetary value for a period of at least ten
8 years.
- 9 C. During this period, citizens can trade in their pennies for equivalent coinage or
10 currency with the Federal Reserve.
- 11 SECTION 3 The Department of the Treasury shall be responsible for the implementation of this bill.
- 12 A. The U.S. Mint will oversee printing presses and recycling centers to take in
13 material used in defunct pennies.
- 14 B. The Treasury will monitor and decide whether to extend the monetary value of
15 the penny past ten years.
- 16 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect immediately with the reduction of penny manufacturing.
17 All production shall cease no later than 2026, and re-evaluation will take place no later
18 than fiscal year 2036.

Respectfully submitted,
Eslly Villeda, Wildwood High School

207. A Resolution to expand the Child Performer Protection Act across all U.S states.

- 1 WHEREAS, Currently, the Child Performer Protection Act is only regulated in California.
- 2 WHEREAS, Founded by the Bizparentz Foundation, The Child Performer Protection Act does two
3 things:
- 4 A. Makes it a crime for anyone with a previous sex offense to work with children in
5 the industry.
- 6 B. Requires all those who work as service providers to children in the entertainment
7 industry to obtain a permit from the Department of Labor. This includes all
8 managers, publicists, photographers, acting coaches, and more. To get a permit,
9 the service provider will need a LiveScan (FBI level) fingerprint clearance. This
10 print will be put into a database of workers that the parents have access to for
11 the purpose of researching the people who work with their children, and;
- 12 WHEREAS, Sex offenders, who continue to work in the entertainment business with children in
13 other U.S states, are overlooked because this act is only implemented in California, and;
- 14 WHEREAS, The sex offender's ability to work with children once again can turn into a repetitive cycle
15 of abuse, imprisonment, freedom from imprisonment, and then another round of abuse.
16 Now, therefore, be it
- 17 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled the laws in the Child Performer Protection Act shall be
18 enforced in all U.S states.
- 19 FURTHER That with the enforcement of the laws, no other entertainment businesses shall be left
20 RESOLVED, uninformed of this act and its laws.

Respectfully submitted,
Dalia Duran-Perez, Wildwood High School

208. A Bill to Ban Removing Eligible Candidates from Ballots

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 While it is not explicitly delineated in the Constitution, it is the spirit of the Constitution
2 that the American citizenry have the right to elect whoever they so choose. This
3 legislation would explicitly, and with force of law, prohibit several states from removing
4 eligible candidates from ballots.
- 5 SECTION 2 The states are, under no conditions, allowed to remove any candidates from ballots so
6 long as they have met the conditions explicitly outlined in the Constitution. These
7 conditions include status as a natural-born citizen, residency requirements, and age
8 requirements. This impacts presidential elections, Congressional elections, and the
9 election of state legislators.
- 10 SECTION 3 Implementation and enforcement of this legislation will be overseen by the Federal
11 Election Commission. The Federal Election Commission may work in cooperation with
12 other relevant departments, agencies, and state entities for relevant implementation
13 and enforcement of this legislation. If the Federal Election Commission determines a
14 violation of this legislation by a preponderance of the evidence, they are privileged to
15 enforce a special election revote.
- 16 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation
17 are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Gavin Miles, QI Roberts Senior High School

209. A Bill to Recognize the Independence of and Establish Relations with the Western Sahara

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 This bill will officially recognize the independence and self-determination of the Western
2 Sahara as an independent nation from Morocco and establish appropriate relations with
3 the Western Sahara. The Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic is recognized as the
4 legitimate and sovereign government of the Western Sahara.
- 5 SECTION 2 The United States, with due permission, will establish an embassy in Western Sahara.
6 The United States will respect and recognize representation of the Western Sahara in
7 international organizations, including the United Nations.
- 8 SECTION 3 The United States will act as an arbitrator to the Moroccan-Western Saharan dispute,
9 with due permission from the Western Sahara. A peaceful resolution will be prioritized in
10 accordance with United Nations resolutions and international law. Official negotiations
11 will be commenced no later than January 1, 2025.
- 12 SECTION 4 The United States Department of State, in cooperation with relevant departments and
13 agencies, is tasked with the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.
14 This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this
15 SECTION 5 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Gavin Miles, QI Roberts Senior High School

210. A Bill to Withdraw from the Antarctic Treaty and Assert Antarctic Claims

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 This legislation will officially withdraw the United States from the Antarctic Treaty and
2 outline the establishment of a territorial claim of the United States in Antarctica.
- 3 SECTION 2 Effective immediately upon passage of this legislation, the United States of America
4 completely, officially, and unconditionally withdraws from the Antarctic Treaty.
- 5 SECTION 3 Effective immediately upon passage of this legislation, the United States of America
6 claims as part of its sovereign territory the unclaimed Antarctic land between 15 8 °W
7 and 103 °24 'W. Effective immediately upon passage of this legislation, the United States'
8 citizenry and government may use this land for economic, trade, military, scientific, or
9 any other purpose permissible under American law.
- 10 SECTION 4 The United States Department of Interior and the United States Department of State will
11 be charged with implementation and enforcement of this legislation, in cooperation with
12 other relevant agencies and departments.
- 13 SECTION 5 This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this
14 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Gavin Miles, QI Roberts Senior High School