



FLORIDA CIVICS & DEBATE INITIATIVE

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Legislation Packet

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- A Bill to Ban Voter Id Laws to Ensure Underrepresented Americans Can Vote

A BILL TO RESTORE ELECTORAL INTEGRITY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Federal, State, County, and Local governments in the United States of America and its territories are hereby prohibited from using Electronic Voting Ballots during elections.

SECTION 2. “Electronic Voting Ballots” shall be defined as a ballot or any other form of voting device that incorporates a computer connected to a network. A “network” shall be defined as a group of computers sending and retrieving data from each other and outside sources.

SECTION 3. The Federal Electoral Commission, the Department of the Treasury, and the Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

A. \$2 Billion shall be reallocated from the Department of Defense to the Federal Election Commission to pay for the implementation and distribution of paper ballots.

SECTION 4. This legislation will be implemented sixty days after the passage of this bill.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Lindsey Grover, Apopka High School

A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL WORKERS TO UNIONIZE

1 WHEREAS, Federal law purports to protect the right to unionize, but does so weakly and only
2 for some workers, and

3 WHEREAS, millions who are classified as independent contractors, domestic and agricultural
4 workers and many others, disproportionately women and people of color are not
5 protected under current law. Moreover, the law has been eroded by hostile court
6 decisions and anti-union legislation at the state and federal level, and

7 WHEREAS, Income inequality has soared. Many workers can barely make ends meet. Even
8 more have little control over their everyday lives, with employers able to change
9 schedules at any time and without explanation, to monitor workers' every move
10 using new technologies and to terminate workers without cause, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
12 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
13 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
14 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date
15 of its submission by the Congress:

16 ARTICLE

17 SECTION 1. All workers shall have the right to engage in concerted action for
18 purposes of mutual aid or protection; to form and join Labor
19 Unions; to engage in collective bargaining, including at the work
20 site, Firm and Sector levels; to picket, strike and boycott, including
21 against secondary employers; and to exercise those rights free from
22 coercion, discrimination or retaliation.

23 SECTION 2. Laws or contracts that restrict or impair the rights protected in this
24 Article shall be null and void.

25 SECTION 3. Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate
26 legislation, the provisions of this Article.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Alex Vihlen, Lake Mary Prep



A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT OF TAIWAN TO PREVENT HOSTILITIES FROM THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- 1 WHEREAS, The People’s Republic of China has threatened the sovereignty of Taiwan; and
2 WHEREAS, Taiwan is an important ally to the United States of America; and
3 WHEREAS, Taiwan will not be able to hold out for long without United States support; and
4 WHEREAS, These actions against Taiwan and its people cannot go unpunished; now,
5 therefore, be it
6 RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled if the People’s Republic of China attacks the
7 nation of Taiwan the United States will come to Taiwan’s aid.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Sebastian Frisch, Legacy High School

A BILL TO ELIMINATE FARM SUBSIDIES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Farm subsidies shall be decreased in increments over the next five years until they are completely eliminated.

SECTION 2. A. Farm subsidies are defined as a government incentive paid to agricultural organizations, influencing the cost and supply of commodities including but not limited to: wheat, grain, cotton, milk, rice, peanuts, sugar, tobacco, and meat.

B. Increments are defined as 20% current levels each year.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Agriculture will be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented at the beginning of fiscal year 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jad Dargam, Suncoast High School

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO MANDATE THE USE OF A PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR EVERY CRIMINAL DEFENDANT

1 WHEREAS, Amendment VI of the Constitution upholds the right to an attorney, and

2 WHEREAS, In the present case, criminal defendants who are economically stable can
3 statistically expect a far different outcome from a defendant who is low on funds
4 and has to seek the aid of a public defender, and

5 WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the federal government to ensure case outcomes concern
6 guilt or innocence rather than quality of representation, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
8 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
9 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
10 legislature of three-fourths of the several states within three years from the date of
11 its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE

12
13 SECTION 1. Criminal defendants shall henceforth only receive representation in
14 the form of a public defender, regardless of financial status.

15 SECTION 2. The Department of Justice will oversee the proposed legislature
16 until it is of uniform practice with the United States.

17 SECTION 3. The information detailed will be implemented three years after
18 passage to allow for any disarray between hired criminal attorneys
19 and their clients to be resolved before the practice outlined is fully
20 mandated.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Kayden-Harmony Greenstein, South Lake High School

A BILL TO ABOLISH THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE SYSTEM TO MAKE VOTING FAIR

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. The President and Vice President of the United States of America will be directly
3 elected by the citizens of the United States by majority vote.

4 SECTION 2. A. Elect as used in the bill is to choose someone to hold public office or some
5 other position by voting.

6 B. Popular vote means each state will report their total number of votes for each
7 party.

8 SECTION 3. The Federal Election Commission (FEC) will oversee the enforcement of the bill
9 along with the specific enforcement mechanism.

10 A. each state will report their total number of votes for each party.

11 SECTION 4. This bill is to be enacted for the November 2024 election year and beyond.

12 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Cameran Isler, Lake Brantley High School

A BILL TO ABOLISH JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. The United States shall abolish Juvenile Detention Centers in the U.S. and increase funding into rehabilitation for children. The office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall, rather than fund Juvenile Detention, fund Juvenile Rehabilitation Programs.

SECTION 2. Juvenile Detention Centers: A prison for people under the age of 21: Often termed, to which they have been sentenced.
Rehabilitation: act of restoring some to health or normalcy.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Christian T. Bailey, Fort Walton Beach High School

A BILL TO INCENTIVIZE AMERICANS TO VOTE THROUGH AN UNCONDITIONAL INCOME

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. The United States federal government shall grant each American citizen \$1,200
3 upon casting their ballot for a candidate to be President of the United States of
4 America, and \$600 upon casting their ballot for a candidate to the U.S. House of
5 Representatives or the U.S. Senate. Every ten years the amount of money given
6 out will be revised to remain proportional to economic inflation.

7 SECTION 2. The funds for the Universal Basic Income program will come from the
8 consolidation of all existing welfare programs and a Value-Added Tax of 3%.

9 SECTION 3. The United States Department of Health & Human Services will oversee the
10 implementation of this bill.

11 SECTION 4. This bill shall be put into effect at the start of FY 2022 in order to give states time
12 to adopt changes for the 2022 midterm elections.

13 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Nicholas Ostheimer, FAU High School

TIER 2 LEGISLATION

All legislation from Tier 1 must be debated prior to any item from tier 2.

A RESOLUTION TO RESTRUCTURE THE SUPREME COURT TO RE-ESTABLISH THE JUDICIAL IMPARTIALITY

1 WHEREAS, the current method of appointment to the Supreme Court has become purely
2 political, and

3 WHEREAS, Since the composition of the Court will currently always favor one political
4 philosophy or another, and

5 WHEREAS, the appointment process gives the Executive and Legislative Branches of the
6 Government control of the composition of the Court, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, by two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
8 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
9 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
10 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date
11 of its submission by the Congress:

12 ARTICLE

13 SECTION 1. The Supreme Court will consist of 16 Justices, with one seat added
14 immediately, and then 2 seats added every 2 years until that
15 number is reached. Seats on the Court will be Geographically
16 uniform across the United States, with such manner to be
17 reasonably determined by Congress.

18 SECTION 2: No Justice appointed after the adoption of this amendment shall
19 serve for more than 15 years. Upon such adoption , sitting Justices
20 will serve no more than 35 years from the date of their
21 appointment to the Court.

22 SECTION 3: No law shall be declared unconstitutional by the Court except by a
23 vote of two-thirds of the Justices participating in a case.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Andrew Petrousky, Lake Mary Prep

A BILL TO SET AN AGE LIMIT FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO ENSURE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL FITNESS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. In the United States government, the age of a presidential candidate cannot exceed sixty, unless the candidate is running for a second presidential term.

SECTION 2. In order for a candidate to run for presidency over the age of sixty, they must be running for a second term consecutively after serving a President of the United States.

SECTION 3. The power of enforcing the maximum age limit to run for President is vested in the people and the federal government. If there is a candidate who is exceeding of age without running for a second consecutive term, they will be immediately removed from the presidential race.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Victor Cruz, South Lake High School

A BILL TO PROVIDE TAX INCENTIVES TO IMPROVE VOTE TURNOUT

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. For all federal elections, voters will receive a \$1000 federal income tax deduction
3 for completing and submitting a registered ballot by the required deadlines.

4 SECTION 2. A. A tax deduction reduces the amount of your income before you calculate the
5 tax you owe.

6 B. Incentive is a thing that motivates or encourages one to do something.

7 SECTION 3. The Federal Election Commission will work in conjunction with the Internal
8 Revenue Service oversee enforcement of the bill.

9 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2022.

10 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Lindsay Rosichan, Lake Brantley High School

A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE PUNISHMENT OF STUDENTS, K-12, FOR REFUSAL TO STAND FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1 WHEREAS, Public schools have committed human rights violations by punishing students for
2 not standing during the pledge; and

3 WHEREAS, There are 130,937 schools in the United States. The vast majority of these schools
4 announce the pledge for students to recite every day. This can and has open
5 windows for retaliation against students for refusing to participate in the pledge of
6 allegiance; and

7 WHEREAS, Such human rights violations diminish a student's independence while instituting
8 a system for prejudice and intolerance to flourish; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States and all of its citizens have an obligation to create a safe
10 learning environment untouched by educational bias; be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled condemn the punishment of students,
12 K-12, for refusal to stand for the pledge of allegiance in public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Christian T. Bailey, Fort Walton Beach High School

A BILL TO BAN VOTER ID LAWS TO ENSURE UNDERREPRESENTED AMERICANS CAN VOTE

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. The United States federal government shall hereby require that no polling place
3 can require the use of photo identification when attempting to cast a ballot.

4 SECTION 2. Photo identification is any physical identity document that includes a photography
5 of the holder. Examples of photo ID include any government-issued ID such as a
6 license, passport, as well as employ ID issued by company or student ID by a
7 post-secondary education institution.

8 SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 SECTION 4. This bill shall be put into effect at the start of FY 2022 in order to give states time
10 to adopt changes for the 2022 midterm elections.

11 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Mateo Rey, FAU High School