

A Bill to Establish a Civic Competency Assessment for Candidates

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All candidates running for President of the United States shall be required
2 to take a Civic Leadership Competency Test (CLCT).
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The CLCT shall cover U.S. government, history, economics, and basic civics.
4 Results of candidates' scores on the CLCT will be public.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** A bipartisan commission of educators and assessment experts, overseen by
6 the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and National Assessment
7 Governing Board (NAGB), shall design, administer, and revise the CLCT.
- 8 A. The Speaker of the House, House Minority Leader, Senate Majority
9 Leader, and Senate Minority Leader shall appoint one member each,
10 totaling four; the President of the United States shall appoint three
11 members; the NAGB shall appoint two members; and the GAO shall
12 appoint two independent testing specialists.
- 13 a. Each member must have backgrounds in education, public
14 policy, and psychometrics.
- 15 b. Each member of the commission shall require Senate
16 confirmation.
- 17 B. The CLCT will be updated every 10 years.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** No candidate may appear on any state ballot without first taking the CLCT.
- 19 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect upon passage.
- 20 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pinecrest High School.