

Congressional Speaking Legislation Docket

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Allow Any Person Who Has Been a United States Citizen for at Least 20 Years to be Eligible for the Presidency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** Two hundred and thirty-five years ago, the drafters of the Constitution
3 were concerned about the prospect of foreign nobles moving to America
4 and using their wealth to attempt to become President; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The Constitution requires, among other things, that only natural born
6 citizens are eligible to become President; and

7 **WHEREAS,** There is no similar prerequisite for service in the Congress, the Supreme
8 Court, or other positions in government; and

9 **WHEREAS,** It is unclear whether a child born to U.S. service members serving
10 overseas would be eligible for the Presidency; and

11 **WHEREAS,** This requirement is an outdated and unfair barrier to loyal, dedicated
12 citizens seeking the Presidency; and

13 **WHEREAS,** This requirement has already precluded many otherwise qualified
14 patriotic individuals from running for President, including, Madeleine
15 Albright, Jennifer Granholm, Henry Kissinger, and Arnold
16 Schwarzenegger, among others; now, therefore, be it

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

22 **ARTICLE --**

23 **SECTION 1:** A person who is a citizen of the United States, who has
24 been for 20 years a citizen of the United States, and who is
25 otherwise eligible to the Office of President, is not ineligible
26 to that Office by reason of not being a native born citizen of
27 the United States.

28 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
29 appropriate legislation.

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution Require Financial Contributions to Candidates for the House of Representatives and the Senate Come from Residents of their District or State

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** Incumbent Members of the House rely on out-of-state political action
3 committees for nearly 50 percent of their campaign funds; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Campaign contributions received from individuals and organizations
5 outside the candidate's district or state may adversely affect the office
6 holder's representation of their constituents; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The bond between an office holder and their constituents is weakened
8 the more the office holder's campaign is funded from sources outside
9 their district or state; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Restoring the confidence of the people in the Congress requires a
11 limitation on the use of outside money to finance a campaign; now,
12 therefore, be it

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

18 **ARTICLE --**

19 **SECTION 1:** Candidates for the House of Representatives and the
20 Senate may accept financial contributions only from
21 residents of their district or state.

22 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
23 appropriate legislation.

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A Bill to End Agricultural Subsidies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Agriculture shall end its subsidy
3 programs.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of Agriculture shall oversee enforcement of this act.

5 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect January 1, 2013.

6 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the North Coast (OH) District.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution Provide for a 20-Year Term for Supreme Court Justices

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** Lifetime tenure for Justices of the Supreme Court is rendering the Court
3 increasingly out of touch with society's values; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Lifetime tenure removes an important democratic 'check and balance' on
5 a critical institution of government; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Lifetime tenure is injecting domestic politics into the judicial process
7 through the timing of retirements and appointments; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Lifetime tenure runs counter to the time-honored tradition of limited
9 government service and to the practice in all 50 States; now, therefore,
10 be it

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

16 ARTICLE --

17 **SECTION 1:** Justices of the Supreme Court shall serve for a term of 20
18 years.

19 **SECTION 2:** This article shall not affect the terms of service of Justices
20 serving when this Amendment is ratified.

21 **SECTION 3:** This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been
22 ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the
23 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within
24 seven years from the date of its submission to the States
25 by the Congress.

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A Resolution to Limit Censorship in Schools

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Schools are not allowed to endorse nor assign nor include in libraries
2 literature with content deemed “inappropriate;” and
3 **WHEREAS,** Any work is potentially open to question by someone, somewhere,
4 sometime, for some reason and those questions frequently are
5 influenced by small groups of people; and
6 **WHEREAS,** The National School Boards Association (NSBA) found that challenges of
7 school materials are common and nearly one-third result in materials
8 being withdrawn from schools or their use curtailed; and
9 **WHEREAS,** This prevents students from having a well-rounded education and often
10 leads to ignorance; and
11 **WHEREAS,** This is a violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution; now,
12 therefore, be it
13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend that all public schools
14 should support the student’s Right to Read and establish policies that
15 reflect that right.

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Tall Cotton (TX) District.



A Bill to Provide a Path to Citizenship for Undocumented Immigrants

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Undocumented immigrants in the United States can qualify for
3 citizenship if they learn English, have lived in the U.S. for five years, pay
4 back taxes plus a \$1,000 fine, and pass background checks.

5 **SECTION 2.** The term “undocumented immigrants” refers to people who reside in the
6 United States without having filled out the requisite immigration
7 paperwork, including workers and their families.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), an
9 agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), shall
10 implement this legislation and monitor compliance.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2013.

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

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College and Provide for the Direct Election of the President and Vice President

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Electoral College is undemocratic and unjust; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The Electoral College undermines the principle of one-person, one-vote
- 3 and can undermine the will of the people; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The Electoral College is a relic, a throwback largely due to the slave-
- 5 owners who dominated the politics of our new nation at its beginning;
- 6 and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The Electoral College permits a candidate with fewer votes nationally to
- 8 win the presidency by capturing narrow victories in the big states; now,
- 9 therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article
- 11 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
- 12 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
- 13 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states
- 14 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

- ARTICLE -

- 16 **SECTION 1:** The President and Vice President shall be elected jointly by
- 17 the direct vote of the citizens of the United States, without
- 18 regard to whether the citizens are residents of a State.
- 19 **SECTION 2:** The persons having the greatest number of votes for
- 20 President and Vice President shall be elected.
- 21 **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
- 22 appropriate legislation.

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A Resolution to Withdraw Normal Trade Relations Treatment from the Products of the People's Republic of China

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States and the People's Republic of China are among the
2 world's largest economies; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The Government of the People's Republic of China has pursued an
4 international trade policy that violates its obligations as a member of the
5 World Trade Organization and other international organizations, which
6 has resulted in a perpetual, historically high trade imbalance with the
7 United States that threatens the stability of the global economy; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The Chinese Government continues to maintain control over the
9 decisions of Chinese enterprises through ownership, board membership,
10 and coercion; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** A persistent trade deficit with the People's Republic of China is harmful
12 to the long-term health of the United States economy and must be
13 corrected; now therefore be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that normal trade relations treatment
15 shall not apply to the products of the People's Republic of China, and
16 normal trade relations treatment may not thereafter be extended to the
17 products of that country; and, be it
- 18 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** The President shall take the necessary steps to negotiate a trade
19 relationship with the People's Republic of China that will achieve and
20 maintain balanced trade between the United States and the People's
21 Republic of China within four years.

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A Resolution to Withdraw U.S. Support of Libya

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The conflict in Libya is a black hole of funding for the United States; and
2 **WHEREAS,** There has been no progress made by the United States and its allies; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Anywhere the U. S. intervenes it creates unnecessary instability in a
4 region, and Egypt is already unstable as a result of protests; and
5 **WHEREAS,** Egypt proves there is no need for the U. S. to change policy in another
6 country, if people are unsatisfied they will take action to change the
7 Government; and
8 **WHEREAS,** There are no major economic benefits for the United States in Libya; and
9 **WHEREAS,** Withdrawal will be easy now; now, therefore, be it
10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled withdraw all financial and military
11 support toward the conflict in Libya.

Introduced for National Congressional Debate by the Heart of America District.