



West Kansas NSDA 2018-2019 Legislation Packet-Wave 1

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE 1**

8 **SECTION 1.** The President and Vice President shall be directly voted into office by the
9 people within the jurisdiction of the United States, by abolishing the electoral college.

10 **SECTION 2.** Abolishing the Electoral College will guarantee the most accurate outcome
11 of the election, assuring the popular vote.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
13 legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hays High School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ratify Federal Court Term Limits

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE 3**

8 **SECTION 1.** The judicial power of the United States, shall be vested in one Supreme
9 Court, and in such inferior courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and
10 establish. The judges, both of the supreme and inferior courts, shall hold their offices for
11 a period of time not exceeding 18 years of good behavior, and shall, at stated times,
12 receive for their services, a compensation, which shall not be diminished during their
13 continuance in office.

14 **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
15 legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Salina South High School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Lower Ages of Candidacy Requirements

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE 1**

8 **SECTION 1.** The elected national offices, including the Presidency, Vice-Presidency,
9 Senate, and House of Representatives, shall henceforth have their minimum age for
10 candidacy lowered to the age of 18 years.

11 **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
12 legislation.

Introduced for Congressional Debate Hutchinson High School

A Resolution to Ban the Manufacturing and Sale of Plastic Straws, Bags, Cutlery, and Plates

- 1 **WHEREAS,** a plastic bag can kill animals because biodegrading takes time, hundreds
2 of thousands of marine lives are found dead each year due to plastic
3 entanglement including one million sea birds die a year; and
4 **WHEREAS,** chlorinated plastic can release harmful chemicals into soil, which seeps
5 into ground water sources and ecosystems of the world; and
6 **WHEREAS,** this causes serious harm to species that drink the water; and
7 **WHEREAS,** the plastic that goes into landfills is not currently regulated leading to
8 harmful plastics filling them; and
9 **WHEREAS,** millions of animals have already died due to increase in the
10 manufacturing of these products; and
11 **WHEREAS,** plastic debris can cause intestinal blockage resulting in malnutrition,
12 decreased growth rates, and even death; and
13 **WHEREAS,** turtles can starve to death because they feel full after swallowing plastic
14 debris; and
15 **WHEREAS,** millions of sea turtles, whales, and other marine life have already died
16 due to increase in manufacturing of these products; now, therefore, be it
17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled a Resolution to Ban the Manufacturing
18 and Sale of Plastic Straws, Bags, Cutlery, and Plates.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Newton High School

A Bill to Allow Health Insurance Companies to Sell Policies Across State Lines

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Health insurance companies will be allowed to sell policies across state
lines.

3 **SECTION 2.** All states will be required to recognize the policies originating in other
states,

4 and insurance companies will be required to comply with all state laws
within

5 the states where they offer policies.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect on passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Garden City High School

A Bill to Eliminate Unlimited Terms in Congress

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** That members of the United States Congress shall no longer be allowed
3 to serve unlimited numbers of terms. Senate members will be allowed to
4 serve no more than two 6-year terms. House members will be allowed to
5 serve no more than three 2-year terms

6 **SECTION 2.** No terms are needed to be defined at this time.

7 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill shall be through the legislative branch as well as
8 the Executive branch.

9 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect June 1, 2018

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

11 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lyons High School*

A Bill to Recognize Taiwan as an Independent State

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Republic of China (“Taiwan”) shall be recognized as a sovereign
3 nation independent from the People’s Republic of China and all other
4 nations.

5 **SECTION 2.** Full diplomatic relations shall be created and instated with Taiwan.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall oversee diplomatic relations.

7 **SECTION 4.** Recognition shall begin immediately after the bill is passed.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Maize High School

A Bill to Mandate Paid Maternity Leave to Mothers in the Workforce

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Women in the United States of America should be granted the right to a
3 paid maternity leave.

4 **SECTION 2.** According to Business Dictionary, maternity leave is a period of approved
5 absence for a female employee granted for the purpose of giving birth
6 and taking care of infant children.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Strong Families Act will enforce that any mother to take maternity
8 leave will be provided with 100 percent of their wages for up to twelve
9 weeks.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into place January 1st of 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Salina Central High School



A Bill to Amend the Communications Act of 1934 to Establish Internet Openess Requirements for Internet Service Providers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Communications Act of 1934 will be amended to establish internet
2 openness requirements for broadband internet access service providers. A
3 broadband internet service provider may not block service, throttle service
4 or offer paid preferential treatment.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** (a) No Blocking.—A broadband internet access service provider may not
6 block lawful content, applications, or services, subject to reasonable
7 network management;
8 (b) No Throttling.—A broadband internet access service provider may not
9 impair, degrade, slow down, speed up, or enhance lawful internet traffic on
10 the basis of internet content subject to reasonable network management; or
11 (c) No Paid Preferential Treatment.—A broadband internet access service
12 provider may not engage in paid preferential treatment such as an internet
13 fast lane for lawful content, applications, or services, subject to reasonable
14 network management.
- 15 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Federal Communications Commission shall ensure that internet
16 services may not restrict fair internet services to the end user and shall have
17 the authority to initiate investigations, bring enforcement actions, issue
18 declaratory rulings, conduct rulemakings, and take other such actions
19 necessary to implement the requirements of this title.
- 20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect 30 days after it is passed.
- 21 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Great Bend High School.

A Bill to Allow Felons to Vote

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will restore voting rights to people who have a felony conviction.

3 **SECTION 2.** This bill will be handled by the Federal Government to ensure all states
4 are complying.

5 **SECTION 3.** There are currently six million Americans who cannot vote due to a felony
6 conviction. Certain restrictions should apply to restoring voting rights as
7 listed below:

8 A. Felons who are still incarcerated do not have the right to vote.

9 B. If the felony was a sexual crime against a child, rape, murder, or
10 treason voting rights will not be restored.

11 **SECTION 5.** The implementation of the bill will begin immediately.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Abilene High School

A Bill to Regulate Autonomous Vehicles

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall declare that autonomous
3 vehicles are subject to several federal regulations on autonomous
4 vehicles and their operation.

5 **SECTION 2.** The regulations that autonomous vehicles and their operators will be
6 required to adhere by are as follows:

7 (a): autonomous vehicles will require an operator to be behind the wheel
8 at all times; this operator is subject to same laws that an operator of a
9 non-autonomous vehicle is.

10 (b): if an autonomous vehicle prompts an accident, a police investigation
11 into whether the operator or the autonomous vehicle is responsible for
12 the accident will begin; if the operator is found to be the reason the
13 accident occurred, the operator will face the same penalties and liabilities
14 for the accident as the operator of a non-autonomous vehicle would
15 receive; if the autonomous vehicle is found to be the cause of the
16 accident, the accident will be investigated further to determine if the
17 error in the autonomous vehicle is a fault of the operator (e.g. improper
18 maintenance) or the manufacturer (e.g. a programming or design flaw); if
19 the operator is found responsible for the error, the operator will receive

23 a fine determined by federal regulators; if the error is the manufacturer's,
24 the manufacturer will receive the fine; if the error is found to have an
25 undermined cause, a federal investigation into the incident will begin in
26 order to determine if the autonomous vehicle was tampered with in any
27 matter

28 (c): data collected from autonomous vehicles is subject to same
29 regulations as data collected from mobile devices (e.g. phones,
30 computers); this data is also required to be submitted to federal
31 regulators for the purposes of setting guidelines for insurance rates
32 (d): licensing and registration of autonomous vehicles will be the same as
33 for non-autonomous vehicles; this includes compliance with state and
34 local laws regarding licensing and registration of vehicles

35 **SECTION 3.** The safety and performance standards that autonomous cars are
36 required to meet and comply with will be left up to regulations
37 determined by federal regulators, states, and localities.

38 **SECTION 4.** This act of legislation will establish a federal committee into
39 investigations of tampering with autonomous vehicles; this investigation
40 will cooperate with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to
41 better understand and combat cyber tampering of vehicles.

SECTION 5. This legislation will be enacted by the U.S. Department of Transportation;
it has digression over what agencies are responsible for enforcing
different aspects of this law.

SECTION 6. The Bill will go into effect on as soon as this legislation is approved.

SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Buhler High School