



Prelim: A Bill to Raise the Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour
- 2 **SECTION 2.** The minimum wage will increase each year, starting with a \$0.75 increase, and
- 3 \$1 increase every subsequent year until a \$15 minimum wage is reached. After
- 4 reaching \$15, it will be indexed to inflation using the Consumer Price Index each
- 5 year.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor shall oversee implementation of this
- 7 legislation and the Bureau of Labor Statistics shall be responsible to determine
- 8 the Consumer Price Index that is used for indexing the minimum wage to
- 9 inflation.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
- 11 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Prelim: A Bill to Cap Military Aid to Ukraine

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall cap total annual military aid to Ukraine at \$15
- 2 billion per fiscal year to prioritize domestic needs.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Military aid includes any transfer of military goods including weapons,
- 4 ammunition, and training.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** Humanitarian and economic aid to Ukraine will not be affected by this
- 6 legislation and can continue at current appropriations.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** The Department of State and Department of Defense will jointly enforce
- 8 this legislation and will submit annual reports to Congress detailing military
- 9 aid given to Ukraine.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with
- 11 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Prelim: A Bill to Lower the Voting Age to 16

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The legal voting age for all local, state, and federal elections shall be
- 2 lowered from 18 years old to 16 years old.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** All U.S. citizens aged 16+ who meet all existing voter registration
- 4 requirements are eligible to vote
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission shall oversee implementation of this
- 6 policy
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
- 8 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Prelim: A Bill to Limit Social Media Usage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Social media companies are prohibited from allowing children under the
2 age of 16 to create or maintain social media accounts on platforms
3 including, but not limited to, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, X, Snapchat, and
4 YouTube.

5 **SECTION 2.** Social media companies shall be required to implement age-verification
6 measures for all users.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Federal Trade Commission will be tasked with enforcing
8 this legislation.

9 A. Any companies found in violation of this legislation shall face a
10 \$5,000 fine per instance that children under 16 are found on their
11 platforms.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
13 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Finals: A Resolution to Remove Economic Sanctions from Venezuela

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has maintained economic sanctions against the Bolivarian
2 Republic of Venezuela since 2015, restricting their access to financial
3 systems, oil exports, and essential goods; and
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5 **WHEREAS,** Sanctions have failed to accomplish any meaningful political change or
6 reform; and
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8 **WHEREAS,** Sanctions have caused extreme hyperinflation, severe economic harms, and
9 led to food shortages for the Venezuelan people; and
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11 **WHEREAS,** Lifting sanctions would allow the United States to repair diplomatic and
12 economic relations while allowing humanitarian recovery; now, therefore,
13 be it
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15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled the United States shall immediately
 remove all economic sanctions imposed on Venezuela and push for
 diplomatic talks.

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Finals: A Bill to End Gerrymandering Through Independent Redistricting Commissions

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All United States congressional district boundaries shall no longer be drawn
2 by state legislatures but rather independent nonpartisan redistricting
3 commissions.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Each state's independent redistricting commission shall consist of: five
5 democrats, five republicans, and five members unaffiliated with any
6 political party.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Census Bureau will provide all demographic and
8 mapping data to each individual state commission. The Department of
Justice shall oversee implementation of this legislation and appoint
commissions based on the above criteria.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately. All laws in conflict with this
legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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