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A Bill to Require Mandatory Voting in Federal Elections to Enhance Voting Access, Equity and Efficiency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Every eligible U.S. citizen, 18 or older, will be required to vote in Federal
3 elections since voting is a civic duty akin to jury service and taxation. Any
4 Federally approved voting method will be acceptable.

5 **SECTION 2.** Federal election day will be declared a national holiday and employers
6 must allow all citizens time off from work without penalty to vote.

7 **SECTION 3.** Voter suppression and any attempt to restrict access to voting will be a
8 Federal crime punishable by jail time and fines between five and ten
9 thousand dollars.

10 **SECTION 4.** All Americans will automatically be registered to vote on their 18th
11 birthday as determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA). Voter
12 roles will be updated yearly in accordance with measures routinely and
13 currently handled by the SSA which will distribute documents necessary
14 for voter registration.

15 **SECTION 5.** Failure to vote will result in a \$200 fine.

16 **SECTION 6.** Enforcement and funding will be by the Justice Department and any
17 ancillary government agencies and provided from the general budget.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Woodville High School.



A Bill to Expand and Secure the Voting Rights of American Citizens

1 **SECTION 1.** This bill will secure and ensure the rights of all U.S. citizens by ensuring
2 access to mail in voting and 24-hour voting for all federal elections.

3 **SECTION 2.** Mail in voting shall be defined as a ballot submitted (as by mail) in
4 advance of an election. 24-hour voting shall be defined as locations that
5 allow citizens to vote at any time of day or night in a 24-hour day/night
6 cycle.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will oversee the implementation of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented after the next federal election upon passage.

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

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Introduced for UIL congressional debate by Nederland High School.



A Bill to Fund Non-Lethal Weapons to Decrease Fatal Shootings by Police Officers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Money funded to police departments for guns will now also be used to fund non-
3 lethal weapons in order to reduce the chances of death during arrest and
4 altercations.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Non-Lethal weapons” are defined as weapons that are explicitly
6 designed and primarily employed so as to incapacitate personnel or material,
7 while minimizing fatalities, permanent injury to personnel, and undesired
8 damage to property and the environment.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented at the start of our next financial quarter upon
11 passage.

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

Introduced for UIL congressional debate by Nederland High School.



A Resolution to Implement Housing First on a Federal Level

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Chronically homeless people struggle to find affordable, permanent housing;
2 and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Chronically homeless is defined as experiencing homelessness for at least a year
4 while struggling with a disabling condition such as a serious mental illness,
5 substance abuse disorder, or physical disability; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Being chronically unhoused leads to an inability to address disorders which
7 hinder the ability of an individual to achieve permanent housing; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Each person who is chronically unhoused cost taxpayers an average of \$35,578
9 in 2016 in services such as substance abuse treatment, police, jail, ambulance;
10 and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** The Housing First model provides chronically homeless people with compliant-
12 free long-term housing and supportive services; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Taxpayers will save money by implementing this system; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** To provide chronically homeless people with access to permanent housing and
15 access to resources to address any condition; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for
17 solution to implement Housing First on a federal level by providing 2.5 billion to
18 the Housing and Urban Development's Homeless Assistance Grant.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by West Brook High School.



A Bill to End School Football Programs by Banning Their Sponsorship by Public Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All K - 12 public school football programs will be discontinued.

3 **SECTION 2.** For purposes of this legislation, football will be defined as the full-contact
4 sport commonly played in American high schools involving multiple hits,
5 full contact and tackling.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of the bill by
7 withholding any federal funding from schools or states who refuse to
8 comply.

9 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on August 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by West Hardin High School.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Senate

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1:** The legislative power of the United States shall be vested in one legislative
9 body, The House of Representatives. Any function previously assigned solely to
10 the Senate is now the duty of the House of Representatives.

11 **SECTION 2:** Article 1, Section 7 of the Constitution shall now read:
12 "All Bills shall originate in the House of Representatives. Every Bill which shall
13 have passed the House of Representatives shall, before it becomes a Law, be
14 presented to the President of the United States; If he approves he shall sign it,
15 but if not he shall return it, with his Objections to the House, who shall enter the
16 Objections at large on their Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such
17 Reconsideration two thirds of the House shall agree to pass the Bill, it shall be
18 become a Law. But in all such Cases the Votes shall be determined by Yeas and
19 Nays, and the Names of the Persons voting for and against the Bill shall be
20 entered on the Journal of the House. If any Bill shall not be returned by the
21 President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented
22 to him, the Same shall be a Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it, unless the
23 Congress by their Adjournment prevent its Return, in which Case it shall not be
24 a Law.

25 **SECTION 3:** The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
26 legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by West Hardin High School.



A Bill to Prohibit the Testing of Cosmetics on Animals

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

2 **SECTION 1:** This bill shall ban the use of animals for the testing of cosmetics in the United
3 States. Animal testing should be eliminated because it violates animals' rights.
4 Pain and suffering caused to the animals is inhumane, and other means of
5 testing product toxins are available.

6 **SECTION 2:** Animal testing is defined as the testing through, but not limited to, exposure by
7 contact, inhalation or ingestion of chemicals or unknown substances on animals
8 in any way, shape, or form.

9 **SECTION 3:** The United States Food and Drug Administration (USDA) will oversee the
10 implementation of this bill.

11 A. The USDA will review company laboratories biannually to verify compliance
12 with the cosmetics testing ban.

13 B. Any laboratory that carries out animal testing in contravention of this bill
14 shall be subject to an administrative penalty of up to Ten Thousand
15 (\$10,000.) Dollars per occurrence.

16 **SECTION 4:** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Submitted for UIL Congressional Debate by Bridge City High School



A Bill to Ensure No Mandates to Receive a Covid Vaccine in the U.S. Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** There will be no mandates made by schools requiring students to receive
3 a Covid vaccination in order to receive an education.

4 **SECTION 2.** Mandate is defined as an authoritative order or command.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
6 enforcement of this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately when passed.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by East Chambers High School.



A Bill to Speed up the Naturalization Process

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will ensure that the application of anyone seeking U.S. Citizenship
3 will be reviewed and accepted/denied within 1-year of applying. If the
4 process is not completed within the timeframe, the applicant is granted
5 U.S. Citizenship regardless of application.

6 **SECTION 2.** Regardless is defined as despite the prevailing circumstances.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will oversee the
8 enforcement of this bill.

9 A. DHS will add more departments within the immigration services to
10 help speed up the process.

11 B. A separate subdivision for a noncitizen and citizen marriage will be
12 created.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect December 20, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by East Chambers High School.



A Bill to Increase the Minimum Penalty of Defendants in False Accusation [Defamation] Lawsuits

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Defendants shall have cases reopened and fully investigated in double
3 appellate cases involving an original defendant claiming false accusation
4 or defamation by the original plaintiff.

5 **SECTION 2.** False accusation shall be defined as the malicious untrue accusation of a
6 person for a crime, civil or criminal, they did not commit. Appellate cases
7 shall be defined as asking a higher court to reverse a decision of a lower
8 court's ruling.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) in conjunction with the Federal Bureau
10 of Investigation (FBI) shall fully investigate double appellate cases
11 involving an original defendant claiming false accusation or defamation
12 by the original plaintiff. If their findings rule in the original defendant's
13 favor, the original plaintiff must:

- 14 A. Pay reparations in the amount of the full salary plus raises for the
15 time spent in prison.
- 16 B. And pay all legal fees from the original case through the final defense
17 case including monies recorded for the books.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 31, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Beaumont United High School.



Bill to Legalize the Use of Euthanasia for Strictly Medical Purposes

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill allows authorized medical professionals to use Euthanasia on a patient
3 who has already consented to its use. The patient, before being
4 admitted to a hospital, would have to sign a consent form which would
5 clearly state what Euthanasia is and its effects. In the case of a
6 patient being unable to state if he/she consents, it would be assumed
7 that he/she does not consent.

8 **SECTION 2.**

9 A. Authorized medical professions are defined as medical professionals given
10 the right to give out euthanasia by the administrators of the hospital, such as
11 the Director of the Department in which the patient is under.

12 B. Euthanasia is the practice of intentionally ending a life to relieve pain and
13 suffering.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the implementation
15 of this bill.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL congressional debate by Nederland High School.



A Bill to Ban the Use of Pledges Within the Education Systems of the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will enforce the ban on usage of
3 the pledges, in any form, in the education systems from kindergarten
4 through twelfth grade.

5 **SECTION 2.** In any form will be defined as verbal usage, printing of the words, posting
6 of the words on walls of the school, usage of the pledge in presentations,
7 teaching of the pledge in curriculum, and in any other medium.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Justice Department will be in control of the enforcement of this bill
9 alongside the Department of Education.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Silsbee High School.



A Bill to Require Genetic Testing for Individuals Placed in Adoptive-Care

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government will require that each adoptive-care agency
3 provides every individual with a non-identifying genetic health screening.
4 A genetic testing organization will provide tests for each new individual
5 entered in the system. Funding for these tests will be through Federal Aid.

6 **SECTION 2.** Providing genetic testing for these individuals would be able to provide
7 them with medical information their biological family may not put down
8 on the medical information forms.

9 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill will be overseen by each county, and through the
10 state of which the agency may be located.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on March 19, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Hamshire-Fannett High School.



A Resolution Regarding Electric Vehicles

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Electric passenger vehicles are being widely deployed in a broad array of makes
2 and models and battery technology, and grid technology are already sufficiently
3 advanced for the gradual transition to a fully electric fleet of passenger vehicles;
4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The transition to electric vehicles will allow electric vehicle batteries to act as a
6 balancing and storage resource for the electrical grid, increase utilization rates of
7 wind and solar energy, and provide backup power in the event of power
8 outages; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The transition to electric vehicles will spur job creation and economic
10 development in areas including: charging infrastructure; software development;
11 grid upgrade and management; battery, vehicle, and charging equipment
12 manufacturing; education; training; and research and development; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** The transition to electric vehicles will reduce the dripping of toxic liquids such as
14 gasoline, motor oil, and transmission fluid on roadways and thereby reduce
15 accidents caused by oil slicked roadways, reduce threats to marine life from toxic
16 run off, and reduce funds spent on storm water pollution mitigation; now,
17 therefore, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED,** By this UIL Congress that the United States Department of Transportation
19 develop a plan and rules to ensure that by the 2030 model year and later,
20 passenger and light duty vehicles sold or registered in the United States be
21 electric, in a manner that maximizes equity and a just transition for all those
22 impacted by the change, minimizes costs and maximizes benefits for the
23 economy, improves and modernizes the energy infrastructure, and maintains
24 electric system reliability.

Submitted for UIL Congressional Debate by Bridge City High School.



A Bill to Allow Maternal/Paternal Orphans to Receive a Percentage of Their Inheritance Annually

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Orphaned children from the age of 15 to 18 will be entitled to 3% of their
3 deceased parent's inheritance until they are financially able to accept the
4 entire inheritance.

5 **SECTION 2.** A maternal orphan is a child whose mother has died; a paternal orphan is
6 a child whose father has died, and a double orphan is a child whose both
7 parents have died.

8 Inheritance refers to the assets that an individual bequeaths to their
9 loved ones after they pass away; may contain cash, investments such as
10 stocks or bonds, and other assets such as jewelry, automobiles, art,
11 antiques, and real estate.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for
13 Children and Families will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted in September, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Orangefield High School.



A Bill to Tax Companies to Limit the Amount of Carbon put into the Air

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Companies that produce an excessive amount of carbon will be taxed.

3 This will essentially make them invest in more environmentally-friendly
4 energy such as solar energy, wind power, hydropower, etc.

5 **SECTION 2.** Companies are commercial businesses. Excessive means something is
6 more than necessary, normal, or desirable; immoderate. Carbon is a
7 gaseous compound that is released into the atmosphere, associated with
8 climate change.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Environmental Protection Agency will oversee the
10 enforcement of this bill with the Internal Revenue Services.

11 A. The United States Environmental Protection Agency will
12 determine how much carbon is being used.

13 B. The Internal Revenue Service will actively enforce the tax.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill should be enacted March 26, 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Orangefield High School.



A Bill to Implement Mental Health Counselors into Public Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will introduce new ways to help students overcome issues at home and
3 also at school, specifically mental health counselors. Students will be able to
4 open up to their mental health counselors and overcome their problems. Due to
5 the coronavirus pandemic, depression in students has skyrocketed.

6 **SECTION 2.** A mental health counselor is someone who helps treat patients of mental
7 illnesses. Introducing new ways of counseling will help students open up and get
8 better.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect February 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Orangefield High School.



A Bill to Provide Funding for Rural Transit

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government shall provide grants for 80% of the costs of the
3 development and /or operation of public transportation projects to areas
4 meeting the definitions of both rural and of “Area of Persistent Poverty.”

5 **SECTION 2.** Areas classified as rural by the U.S. census will be considered rural for the
6 purposes of this legislation.

7 **SECTION 3.** An “Area of Persistent Poverty “will be defined as a county in which at
8 least 20% of the population has lived in poverty during the most recent
9 30-year period as measured by the 2010 and 2020 decennial census and
10 the most recent small area income and poverty estimates.

11 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Transportation shall implement and oversee this
12 Rural Transit Grant Program.

13 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect FY 2023.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by West Hardin High School.



A Bill to Authorize the Opening of the International Border between the United States and Mexico

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will open the international border with Mexico to allow
3 immigrants to freely enter the country in an expedient and safe manner.

4 **SECTION 2.** Immigration will be interpreted as the action of moving to a foreign
5 country permanently.

6 **SECTION 3.** U.S Customs and Border protection will implement this bill.

7 A. This bill will authorize immigrants to pass freely between the United
8 States and Mexican border without any documentation or
9 identification.

10 B. Customs and Border Protection will monitor the border for security
11 purposes and perform security checks for any illegal substances,
12 firearms, human trafficking, or other illegal practices.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on October 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sabine Pass School.



A Bill to Require Evaluation and Provide Therapy for Military and First Responders Following Traumatic Events

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All military members and first responders who have witnessed a
3 traumatic or distressing event will undergo a required evaluation and
4 attend therapy to ensure their mental health and safety.

5 **SECTION 2.** First responders include Law enforcement, Firefighters and Medical
6 Personnel. Military members include those actively serving in any branch
7 of the service. Traumatic experiences include horrific crime scenes,
8 disasters, and other tragedies.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will determine best
10 practices for identifying mental health conditions and treatment plans.
11 The Department of Defense and local agencies will enact these practices
12 and plans.

13 A. Funding for this program will be provided by grants. Money
14 for these grants will come from the current defense budget.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on February 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sabine Pass School.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Upper Age Limits for Members of the Executive and Legislative Branches of the United States Government

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

7 **ARTICLE I**

8 **SECTION 1:** No person who is older than 70 years of age shall be eligible for election to the
9 U.S. House of Representatives. During all election years, candidates are required
10 to be under the age of 70 during their prospective term. Members of the U.S.
11 House of Representatives shall not be considered for re-election once they have
12 reached 68 years of age.

13 **SECTION 2:** No person who is older than 70 years of age shall be eligible for election to the
14 U.S. Senate. During all election years, candidates are required to be under the
15 age of 70 during their prospective term. Members of the U.S. Senate shall not be
16 considered for re-election once they have reached 68 years of age.

17 **SECTION 2:** No person who is older than 70 years of age shall be eligible for election to the
18 office of President or Vice-President of the United States. During all election
19 years, candidates are required to be under the age of 70 during their prospective
20 term. At the time of re-election, the residing President and Vice-President shall
21 not be eligible for a second term once they have reached 66 years of age.

22 **SECTION 3:** The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
23 legislation.

24 **SECTION 4:** Any laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by West Brook High School.

We certify that the legislation submitted by this school for this Congress is the original work of the students of our school and has permission to be presented.



A Resolution to Limit Solitary Confinement for Federal Prisoners to Enhance Humane Treatment of Inmates

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Solitary confinement and resulting isolation is used widely across the US
2 resulting in inmates spending over 20 hours a day alone often for months or
3 years at a time; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Inmates are suffering depression, psychosis and a variety of other mental
5 disorders as a result; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Solitary confinement exacerbates existing mental disorders and causes the onset
7 of previously undiagnosed conditions including debilitating physical conditions;
8 and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Alternative punishment options such as withholding privileges, limiting access to
10 recreational activities, electronics and other restrictions are available; now,
11 therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for
13 limiting the application of solitary confinement to be no more than three days
14 and is subject to review by justice department personnel periodically to ensure
15 humane treatment of inmates. Appealed exceptions for safety or medical
16 reasons may be granted through the justice department.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Woodville High School.