

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5015

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to
2 reject legislation to federalize elections in the United States of
3 America and oppose the For the People Act of 2021.

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5 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021, contained in H.R.1 and
6 S.1, is a legislative overreach by the federal government; and

7 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 impedes upon states'
8 rights by federalizing election administration; and

9 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 imposes unfunded,
10 burdensome and unconstitutional mandates on states; and

11 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 intrudes upon our First
12 Amendment rights; and

13 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 prevents necessary
14 action by states regarding registration or voting that impedes free speech
15 and lawful election activities; and

16 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 imposes draconian ethics
17 rules that unfairly restrict political activity; and

18 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 expands government
19 regulation and censorship of campaigns, political speech and activity,
20 including online and policy-related speech for candidates, citizens, civic
21 groups, unions, corporations and nonprofit organizations; and

22 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 reduces public
23 accountability of elected officials; and

24 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 blatantly undermines the
25 work of election officials in providing safe and accessible voting options
26 to voters; and

27 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 conflicts with state
28 statutes governing election administration; and

29 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 forces states to
30 implement automatic voter registration, same-day registration and online
31 voter registration; and

32 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 dilutes the bi-partisan
33 voter identification statutes, which protect Kansas elections; and

34 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 prohibits election
35 officials from verifying the eligibility of qualified voters; and

36 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 sacrifices the security

1 and integrity of the Kansas elections process; and

2 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 makes states vulnerable
3 to large-scale fraud by foreign and domestic bad actors by allowing
4 online voter registration that is not tied to an existing government record;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 forces state legislatures
7 to yield their state constitutional reapportionment duties to independent,
8 unelected commissions; and

9 WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 makes it a violation of
10 federal law for states to engage in traditional redistricting practices: Now,
11 therefore,

12 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
13 *the Senate concurring therein:* That each state legislature should have the
14 freedom and flexibility to determine practices that best meet the needs of
15 their respective states, and the authority to legislate changes to the
16 election process should be left to the states; and

17 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send enrolled
18 copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, Majority
19 Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United
20 States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
21 the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives and
22 each member of the United States Senate and United States House of
23 Representatives serving Kansas.