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# H. R. \_\_\_\_\_

To declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. GREENE of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “English Language  
3 Unity Act of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds and declares the following:

6 (1) The United States is composed of individ-  
7 uals from diverse ethnic, cultural, and linguistic  
8 backgrounds who assimilated into American tradi-  
9 tions.

10 (2) Throughout the history of the United  
11 States, one of the common threads binding individ-  
12 uals of differing backgrounds has been the English  
13 language.

14 (3) States should establish the English lan-  
15 guage as the official language of their respective  
16 States, and otherwise promote the English language  
17 within their respective States, subject to the prohibi-  
18 tions enumerated in the Constitution of the United  
19 States and in laws of the respective States.

20 **SEC. 3. ENGLISH AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE UNITED**  
21 **STATES.**

22 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Title 4, United States Code, is  
23 amended by adding at the end the following new chapter:



1 “(1) teaching of languages;

2 “(2) requirements under the Individuals with  
3 Disabilities Education Act;

4 “(3) actions, documents, or policies necessary  
5 for national security, international relations, trade,  
6 tourism, or commerce;

7 “(4) actions or documents that protect the pub-  
8 lic health and safety;

9 “(5) actions or documents that facilitate the ac-  
10 tivities of the Bureau of the Census in compiling any  
11 census of population;

12 “(6) actions that protect the rights of victims of  
13 crimes or criminal defendants; or

14 “(7) using terms of art or phrases from lan-  
15 guages other than English.

16 **“§ 164. Uniform English language rule for naturaliza-**  
17 **tion**

18 “(a) UNIFORM LANGUAGE TESTING STANDARD.—All  
19 those applying for naturalization should be able to read  
20 and understand generally the English language text of the  
21 Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the  
22 laws of the United States made in pursuance of the Con-  
23 stitution.

24 “(b) CEREMONIES.—All naturalization ceremonies  
25 shall be conducted in English.

1 **“§ 165. Rules of construction**

2 “Nothing in this chapter shall be construed—

3 “(1) to prohibit a Member of Congress or any  
4 officer or agent of the Federal Government, while  
5 performing official functions, from communicating  
6 unofficially through any medium with another per-  
7 son in a language other than English (as long as of-  
8 ficial functions are performed in English);

9 “(2) to limit the preservation or use of Native  
10 Alaskan or Native American languages (as defined  
11 in the Native American Languages Act);

12 “(3) to disparage any language or to discourage  
13 any person from learning or using a language; or

14 “(4) to be inconsistent with the Constitution of  
15 the United States.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters  
17 at the beginning of title 4, United States Code, is amended  
18 by inserting after the item relating to chapter 5 the fol-  
19 lowing new item:

“CHAPTER 6. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE”.

20 **SEC. 4. GENERAL RULES OF CONSTRUCTION FOR ENGLISH**  
21 **LANGUAGE TEXTS OF THE LAWS OF THE**  
22 **UNITED STATES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 1, United  
24 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
25 lowing new section:

1 **“§ 9. General rules of construction for laws of the**  
2 **United States**

3 “(a) English language requirements and workplace  
4 policies, whether in the public or private sector, shall be  
5 presumptively consistent with the laws of the United  
6 States.

7 “(b) Any ambiguity in the English language text of  
8 the laws of the United States shall be resolved, in accord-  
9 ance with the last two articles of the Bill of Rights, not  
10 to deny or disparage rights retained by the people, and  
11 to reserve powers to the States respectively, or to the peo-  
12 ple.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
14 at the beginning of chapter 1 of title 1 is amended by  
15 inserting after the item relating to section 8 the following  
16 new item:

“9. General rules of construction for laws of the United States.”.

17 **SEC. 5. IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS.**

18 The Secretary of Homeland Security shall, within  
19 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, issue  
20 for public notice and comment a proposed rule for uniform  
21 testing of English language ability of candidates for natu-  
22 ralization, based upon the principles that all citizens  
23 should be able to read and understand generally the  
24 English language text of the Declaration of Independence,

1 the Constitution, and the laws of the United States which  
2 are made in pursuance thereof.

3 **SEC. 6. NATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 36, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 **“§ 149. National English Language Day**

8 “(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President shall issue a  
9 proclamation recognizing the integral nature of the  
10 English language in the American nation.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
12 for such chapter is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
13 lowing:

“149. National English Language Day.”.

14 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 The amendments made by sections 3, 4, and 6 shall  
16 take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date  
17 of the enactment of this Act.