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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 H.R.1 and S.1~~
8 **impede** upon states' rights by federalizing election administration; and

9 ~~WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 imposes H.R.1 and S.1~~
10 **impose** unfunded, burdensome and unconstitutional mandates on states;
11 and

12 ~~WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 intrudes H.R.1 and S.1~~
13 **intrude** upon our First Amendment rights; and

14 ~~WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 prevents H.R.1 and S.1~~
15 **prevent** necessary action by states regarding registration or voting that
16 impedes free speech and lawful election activities; and

17 ~~WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 imposes H.R.1. and S.1~~
18 **impose** draconian ethics rules that unfairly restrict political activity; and

19 ~~WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 expands H.R.1 and S.1~~
20 **expand** government regulation and censorship of campaigns, political
21 speech and activity, including online and policy-related speech for
22 candidates, citizens, civic groups, unions, corporations and nonprofit
23 organizations; and

24 ~~WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 reduces H.R.1 and S.1~~
25 **reduce** public accountability of elected officials; and

26 ~~WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 blatantly undermines~~
27 **H.R.1 and S.1 blatantly undermine** the work of election officials in
28 providing safe and accessible voting options to voters; and

29 ~~WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 conflicts H.R.1 and S.1~~
30 **conflict** with state statutes governing election administration; and

31 ~~WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 forees H.R.1 and S.1~~
32 **force** states to implement automatic voter registration, same-day
33 registration and online voter registration; and

34 ~~WHEREAS, The For the People Act of 2021 dilutes the bi-partisan~~
35 **H.R.1 and S.1 dilute the bipartisan** voter identification statutes, which
36 protect Kansas elections; and

1 WHEREAS, ~~The For the People Act of 2021 prohibits~~ **H.R.1 and S.1**
2 **prohibit** election officials from verifying the eligibility of qualified
3 voters; and

4 WHEREAS, ~~The For the People Act of 2021 sacrifices~~ **H.R.1 and S.1**
5 **sacrifice** the security and integrity of the Kansas elections process; and

6 WHEREAS, ~~The For the People Act of 2021 makes~~ **H.R.1 and S.1**
7 **make** states vulnerable to large-scale fraud by foreign and domestic bad
8 actors by allowing online voter registration that is not tied to an existing
9 government record; and

10 WHEREAS, ~~The For the People Act of 2021 forces~~ **H.R.1. and S.1**
11 **force** state legislatures to yield their state constitutional reapportionment
12 duties to independent, unelected commissions; and

13 WHEREAS, ~~The For the People Act of 2021 makes~~ **H.R.1 and S.1**
14 **make** it a violation of federal law for states to engage in traditional
15 redistricting practices: Now, therefore,

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

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