H. R. 1234

AN ACT

To direct the Librarian of Congress to promote the more cost-effective, efficient, and expanded availability of the Annotated Constitution and pocket-part supplements by replacing the hardbound versions with digital versions.

1   *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. REPEAL REQUIREMENT FOR CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE TO PREPARE ANNOTATED CONSTITUTION AND SUPPLEMENTS IN HARDBOUND VERSION.

(a) REPEAL.—The first section of Public Law 91–589 (2 U.S.C. 168) is amended—

(1) by striking "the Librarian of Congress" and inserting "(a) subject to subsection (b), the Librarian of Congress"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(b)(1) Upon the completion of the October 2031 term of the Supreme Court and upon the completion of each tenth October term of the Supreme Court thereafter, the Librarian of Congress shall have prepared a digital decennial revised edition of the Constitution Annotated, which shall contain annotations of all decisions theretofore rendered by the Supreme Court construing provisions of the Constitution, in place of the hardbound decennial revised edition of the Constitution Annotated described in subsection (a)(3).

"(2) Upon the completion of the October 2025 term of the Supreme Court and upon the completion of each subsequent October term of the Supreme Court beginning in an odd-numbered year (the final digit of which is not a 1), the Librarian shall have prepared a digital cumu-

1 lative pocket-part supplement to the most recent decennial

2 revised edition of the Constitution Annotated, which shall

3 contain cumulative annotations of all such decisions ren-

4 dered by the Supreme Court which were not included in

5 the most recent revised edition of the Constitution Anno-

6 tated, in place of the hardbound editions of the cumulative

7 pocket-part supplement described in subsection (a)(4).''.

8   (b) ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF DIGITAL

9 VERSIONS.—Section 2 of Public Law 91–589 (2 U.S.C.

10 168a) is amended—

11   (1) by striking ''All hardbound'' and inserting

12   ''(a) All hardbound''; and

13   (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-

14   section:

15   ''(b)(1) The digital decennial revised editions of the

16 Constitution Annotated prepared under subsection (b)(1)

17 of the first section of this Joint Resolution and the digital

18 cumulative pocket-part supplements prepared under sub-

19 section (b)(2) of the first section of this Joint Resolution

20 shall be available at a public website of the Library of Con-

21 gress.

22   ''(2) The Librarian of Congress shall ensure the con-

23 tinuing availability of the documents referred to in para-

24 graph (1) to Congress and the public.''.

1   (c) REPEAL OF ADDITIONAL PRINTING REQUIRE-

2 MENTS.—

3   (1) MANDATORY PRINTING OF ADDITIONAL

4   COPIES.—Section 3 of Public Law 91–589 (2 U.S.C.

5   168b) is amended—

6   (A) by striking ''There shall be printed''

7   and inserting ''(a) There shall be printed''; and

8   (B) by adding at the end the following new

9   subsection:

10   ''(b) Subsection (a) does not apply after completion

11 of the October 2025 term of the Supreme Court, and the

12 Librarian of Congress shall provide the decennial revised

13 editions of the Constitution Annotated and the cumulative

14 pocket part supplements prepared under this Joint Reso-

15 lution exclusively in a digital format available at a public

16 website of the Library of Congress.''.

17   (2) PRINTING OF ADDITIONAL COPIES PURSU-

18   ANT TO CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.—Section 4 of

19   Public Law 91–589 (2 U.S.C. 168c) is repealed.

    Passed the House of Representatives March 31, 2025.

    Attest:

Clerk.

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