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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, and Mr. ALEXANDER)
introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary

A BILL

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conception.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sanctity of Life Act
5 of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING AND DECLARATION.**

7 (a) FINDING.—The Congress finds that life exists
8 from conception.

9 (b) DECLARATION.—Upon the basis of this finding,
10 and in the exercise of the powers of the Congress—

1 (1) the Congress declares that—

2 (A) human life shall be deemed to exist
3 from conception, without regard to race, sex,
4 age, health, defect, or condition of dependency;
5 and

6 (B) the term “person” shall include all
7 human life as defined in subparagraph (A); and

8 (2) the Congress recognizes that each State has
9 the authority to protect lives of unborn children re-
10 siding in the jurisdiction of that State.

11 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON APPELLATE JURISDICTION.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 81 of title 28, United
13 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing new section:

15 **“§ 1260. Appellate jurisdiction; limitation**

16 “Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1253,
17 1254, and 1257, the Supreme Court shall not have juris-
18 diction to review, by appeal, writ of certiorari, or other-
19 wise, any case arising out of any statute, ordinance, rule,
20 regulation, practice, or any part thereof, or arising out of
21 any act interpreting, applying, enforcing, or effecting any
22 statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, or practice, on the
23 grounds that such statute, ordinance, rule, regulation,
24 practice, act, or part thereof—

1 “(1) protects the rights of human persons be-
 2 tween conception and birth; or

3 “(2) prohibits, limits, or regulates—

4 “(A) the performance of abortions; or

5 “(B) the provision of public expense of
 6 funds, facilities, personnel, or other assistance
 7 for the performance of abortions.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 9 tions at the beginning of chapter 81 of title 28, United
 10 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 11 lowing new item:

“1260. Appellate jurisdiction; limitation.”.

12 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 85 of title 28, United
 14 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 15 lowing new section:

16 **“§ 1370. Limitation on jurisdiction**

17 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the dis-
 18 trict courts shall not have jurisdiction of any case or ques-
 19 tion which the Supreme Court does not have jurisdiction
 20 to review under section 1260 of this title.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 22 tions at the beginning of chapter 85 of title 28, United
 23 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 24 lowing new item:

“1370. Limitation on jurisdiction.”.

1 **SEC. 5. FEDERAL COURT DECISIONS NOT BINDING ON**
2 **STATE OR LOCAL COURTS.**

3 Any decision of a Federal court, to the extent that
4 the decision relates to an issue removed from Federal ju-
5 risdiction under the amendments made by sections 3 and
6 section 4, is not binding precedent on the court of—

7 (1) any State or subdivision thereof;

8 (2) the District of Columbia; or

9 (3) any commonwealth, territory, or possession
10 of the United States, or any subdivision thereof.

11 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
13 take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, and
14 shall apply to any case pending on such date of enactment.

15 **SEC. 7. SEVERABILITY.**

16 If any provision of this Act or the amendments made
17 by this Act, or the application of this Act or such amend-
18 ments to any person or circumstance, is determined by a
19 court to be invalid, the validity of the remainder of this
20 Act and the amendments made by this Act and the appli-
21 cation of such provision to other persons and cir-
22 cumstances shall not be affected by such determination.

