

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4006

To provide the public with access to the laws of the United States, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2015

Mr. BRAT (for himself and Mr. MOULTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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States, and for other purposes.

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 “Statutes at Large
5 Modernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE LAWS OF THE UNITED**
2 **STATES.**

3 (a) ARCHIVIST REQUIREMENT TO MAKE LAWS
4 AVAILABLE.—Section 112 of title 1, United States Code,
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new sen-
6 tence: “The Archivist shall make available anything com-
7 piled, edited, indexed, and published under this section to
8 the public at no cost on a website in a searchable, non-
9 proprietary format. The Archivist shall ensure that the
10 searchable online edition of the United States Statutes at
11 Large is prepared in consultation and coordination with
12 entities that develop formatting conventions used for en-
13 rolled bills and other legislative materials, which may in-
14 clude the Library of Congress, the Office of the Clerk of
15 the House, the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the
16 Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives and the Senate, the Office of the Law Revi-
18 sion Council, the Congressional Research Service, the Gov-
19 ernment Publishing Office, and such other entities that
20 the Archivist considers appropriate.”

21 (b) LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS REQUIREMENT TO IN-
22 CORPORATE SEARCHABLE STATUTES AT LARGE INTO
23 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM.—Sec-
24 tion 209 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
25 1996 (2 U.S.C. 180) is amended by adding at the end
26 the following new subsection:

1 “(f) In addition to the legislative information de-
2 scribed in subsection (b), the relevant electronic informa-
3 tion made available under section 112 of title 1, United
4 States Code, shall be incorporated into the legislative in-
5 formation service to the extent practicable.”.

6 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
7 authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of fis-
8 cal years 2016 through 2020 to carry out the provisions
9 of this Act.

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