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# H. J. RES. 188

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that certain individuals are natural born citizens.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 2026

Ms. MACE submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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States to require that certain individuals are natural  
born citizens.

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3       *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*  
4       *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*  
5       *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*  
6       *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*  
7       *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*  
8       *States within seven years after the date of its submission*  
9       *for ratification:*

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. No person who is not a natural born  
3 citizen may be a Representative. This section shall take  
4 effect on the 3rd day of January on the first odd number  
5 calendar year following the ratification of this article.

6 “SECTION 2. No person who is not a natural born  
7 citizen may be a Senator. This section shall take effect  
8 on the 3rd day of January on the first odd number cal-  
9 endar year following the ratification of this article and  
10 shall apply to a Senator beginning on the date on which  
11 the term for which they were elected ends.

12 “SECTION 3. Notwithstanding Article III of the Con-  
13 stitution, no person who is not a natural born citizen may  
14 be a Judge, either of the supreme or inferior courts. This  
15 section shall take effect on the date that is six months  
16 following the ratification of this article.

17 “SECTION 4. No person who is not a natural born  
18 citizen may be an Ambassador, public Minister or Consul,  
19 or any other Officer of the United States if such position  
20 requires advice and consent by the Senate. This section  
21 shall take effect on the date that is six months following  
22 the ratification of this article.”.

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