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AN ACT

To revise certain authorities of the Government Publishing
Office, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “GPO Modernization Act of 2026”.

4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
5 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—SALES PROGRAMS

Sec. 101. Sale of Government documents.

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Sec. 205. Distribution to depositories.

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Sec. 310. Leave carryover for certain Government Publishing Office positions.

TITLE IV—PREPARATION OF CONSTITUTION ANNOTATED

Sec. 401. Repeal requirement for Congressional Research Service to prepare Annotated Constitution and supplements in hardbound version.

1 TITLE I—SALES PROGRAMS

2 SEC. 101. SALE OF GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS.

3 (a) AUTHORITY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCU-
4 MENTS.—Section 1702 of title 44, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in the first undesignated paragraph, by
7 striking “The Director” and inserting “(a) AP-
8 POINTMENT.—The Director”;

9 (2) in the second undesignated paragraph—

10 (A) by striking “When an officer” and in-
11 serting “(b) RECEIPT AND SALE.—When an of-
12 ficer”; and

13 (B) by striking “who shall receive and sell”
14 and inserting “who may receive and sell”; and

15 (3) in the third undesignated paragraph, by
16 striking “The Superintendent of Documents” and
17 inserting “(c) REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION.—The
18 Superintendent of Documents”.

19 (b) REMOVE REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL FROM
20 DEPARTMENT IN WHICH DOCUMENT ORIGINATED.—Sec-
21 tion 1707 of such title is amended by striking “, subject
22 to the approval of the Secretary or head of the department
23 in which the public document originated”.

24 (c) PRICES; RESALE AUTHORITY.—Section 1708 of
25 such title is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 1708. Prices for sales copies of publications; cred-**
 2 **iting of receipts; resale by dealers; sales**
 3 **agents**

4 “(a) PRICES.—The price at which additional copies
 5 of Government publications are offered for sale to the pub-
 6 lic by the Superintendent of Documents shall be based on
 7 the cost as determined by the Director of the Government
 8 Publishing Office plus a premium to cover the costs of
 9 sale and delivery. A discount may be allowed as deter-
 10 mined by the Superintendent of Documents.

11 “(b) RESALE AUTHORITY.—The Superintendent of
 12 Documents may prescribe terms and conditions under
 13 which the Superintendent authorizes the resale of Govern-
 14 ment publications by book dealers, and the Superintendent
 15 may designate any Government officer as the Superintend-
 16 ent’s agent for the sale of Government publications under
 17 regulations agreed upon by the Superintendent of Docu-
 18 ments and the head of the respective department or estab-
 19 lishment of the Government.”.

20 (d) AUTHORITY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCU-
 21 MENTS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTRIBU-
 22 TION, SALE, AND DISPOSAL OF UNNEEDED DOCU-
 23 MENTS.—Section 1720 of such title is amended by strik-
 24 ing “distribution or sale” and inserting “distribution, sale,
 25 or disposal in accordance with requirements established by
 26 the Superintendent of Documents”.

1 **TITLE II—PUBLIC INFORMATION**
2 **PROGRAMS**

3 **SEC. 201. PURPOSE AND ESTABLISHMENT.**

4 Chapter 19 of title 44, United States Code, is amend-
5 ed by inserting before section 1901 the following new sec-
6 tion (and by conforming the table of sections of such chap-
7 ter accordingly):

8 **“§ 1900. Purpose and establishment of the public in-**
9 **formation programs of the Super-**
10 **intendent of Documents**

11 “(a) The purposes of this chapter are the following:

12 “(1) To ensure the public’s right to free, equi-
13 table, and convenient access to Government public
14 information.

15 “(2) To establish the Public Information Pro-
16 grams of the Superintendent of Documents in the
17 Government Publishing Office, that together, func-
18 tion to identify, acquire, catalog, preserve, authen-
19 ticate, disseminate, reformat, and provide no-fee per-
20 manent public access to the corpus of Government
21 public information for future generations, including
22 the following programs and activities:

23 “(A) The Federal Depository Library Pro-
24 gram.

1 “(B) The Cataloging and Access Services
2 Program.

3 “(C) Online System of Access.

4 “(D) The National Collection of U.S. Gov-
5 ernment Public Information.

6 “(E) Preservation Program.

7 “(F) Sales to the Public.

8 “(b) The Superintendent of Documents shall engage
9 in activities that enhance awareness and access to Govern-
10 ment public information or provide services that support
11 libraries in their efforts to serve their communities.”.

12 **SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.**

13 Section 1901 of title 44, United States Code, is
14 amended to read as follows (and by conforming the table
15 of sections of chapter 19 accordingly):

16 **“§ 1901. Definitions**

17 “In this chapter—

18 “(1) the term ‘access services’ means those
19 functions or services which enable or enhance dis-
20 covery, awareness, and use of Government public in-
21 formation in the National Collection of U.S. Govern-
22 ment Public Information, and Federal documents
23 collections held by Federal depository libraries;

24 “(2) the term ‘Government public information’
25 means Federal Government publications or informa-

1 tion resources, regardless of physical form or me-
2 dium, compiled by Government employees, or at
3 Government expense, or as required by law, and dis-
4 seminated to the public by an agency or a contractor
5 thereof or of educational value, including such publi-
6 cations or information resources which have been de-
7 classified;

8 “(3) the term ‘Government publication’ means
9 informational matter which is published as an indi-
10 vidual document at Government expense, or as re-
11 quired by law;

12 “(4) the term ‘information’ means any commu-
13 nication or representation of knowledge such as
14 facts, data, or opinions in any medium or form, in-
15 cluding textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic,
16 narrative, electronic, or audiovisual forms;

17 “(5) the term ‘information lifecycle manage-
18 ment’ means the process of planning, budgeting, ad-
19 ministering, processing, and controlling information,
20 whether in the form of a tangible or digital informa-
21 tion asset, throughout the stages of the asset, in-
22 cluding the asset’s—

23 “(A) creation, identification, and acquisi-
24 tion;

1 “(B) organization, bibliographic control,
2 and metadata;

3 “(C) preservation, digitization, and refor-
4 matting;

5 “(D) authentication, access, and dissemi-
6 nation;

7 “(E) promotion;

8 “(F) storage; and

9 “(G) management through a trusted dig-
10 ital repository;

11 “(6) the term ‘permanent public access’ means
12 making Government public information resources
13 discoverable and available to, and accessible by, the
14 public on an indefinite, continuing basis, without
15 charge;

16 “(7) the term ‘preservation’ means strategic ini-
17 tiatives, programs, and processes designed to main-
18 tain useful access to information assets, serving the
19 information needs of both present and future gen-
20 erations; and

21 “(8) the term ‘unreported public information’
22 means Government public information which is not
23 cataloged or otherwise identifiable or retrievable by
24 an end user of the catalog described in section
25 1917.”.

1 **SEC. 203. AVAILABILITY OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.**

2 Section 1902 of such title is amended to read as fol-
3 lows (and by conforming the table of sections of chapter
4 19 accordingly):

5 **“§ 1902. Availability of Government publications**
6 **through Superintendent of Documents;**
7 **notification of publications not ordered**
8 **from Government Publishing Office**

9 “(a) AVAILABILITY.—The Superintendent of Docu-
10 ments shall make Government public information available
11 to depository libraries through the Superintendent of Doc-
12 uments Public Information Programs.

13 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—Each component of the Gov-
14 ernment shall—

15 “(1) notify the Superintendent of Documents of
16 tangible Government public information content it
17 has issued that is not also available digitally;

18 “(2) notify the Superintendent of Documents of
19 digital Government public information content it has
20 issued;

21 “(3) collaborate with the Superintendent of
22 Documents to ensure any such digital Government
23 public information remains permanently accessible;
24 and

25 “(4) furnish to the Superintendent of Docu-
26 ments any tangible Government public information it

1 has issued that was obtained from sources other
2 than the Government Publishing Office, unless other
3 arrangements have been made with the Super-
4 intendent of Documents to ensure the information is
5 accessible to depository libraries.

6 “(c) EXCEPTIONS.—The requirements of subsection
7 (b) do not apply to Government public information that
8 is confidential in character or classified for reasons of na-
9 tional security.”.

10 **SEC. 204. SELECTIONS AVAILABLE TO DEPOSITORY LI-**
11 **BRARIES.**

12 Section 1904 of such title is amended to read as fol-
13 lows (and by conforming the table of sections of chapter
14 19 accordingly):

15 **“§ 1904. Selections available to depository libraries**

16 “The Superintendent of Documents shall notify de-
17 pository libraries of those Government public information
18 products, regardless of format, that are available for selec-
19 tion for inclusion in their depository collections.”.

20 **SEC. 205. DISTRIBUTION TO DEPOSITORIES.**

21 Section 1905 of title 44, United States Code, is
22 amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 1905. Distribution to depositories; designation of**
2 **additional libraries; justification; author-**
3 **ization for certain designations**

4 “(a) Government public information available from
5 the Superintendent of Documents under this chapter shall
6 be distributed or made accessible to depository libraries
7 specifically designated by law and to libraries designated
8 pursuant to this section.

9 “(b) Libraries within areas served by Members of the
10 House, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner from the
11 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico may be designated by them
12 to receive Government public information to the extent
13 that the total number of libraries designated by them does
14 not exceed two within each area.

15 “(c) Not more than two additional libraries within a
16 State may be designated by each Senator from the State.

17 “(d) The Mayor of the District of Columbia may des-
18 ignate two depository libraries in the District of Columbia.

19 “(e) The Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto
20 Rico, the Governor of Guam, the Governor of American
21 Samoa, and the Governor of the Commonwealth of the
22 Northern Mariana Islands may each designate one deposi-
23 tory library in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam,
24 American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern
25 Mariana Islands, respectively. The Governor of the United
26 States Virgin Islands may designate one depository library

1 on the island of Saint Thomas and one on the island of
2 Saint Croix.

3 “(f) The Superintendent of Documents may des-
4 ignate libraries to be digital-only depository libraries for
5 Government public information if they are located in an
6 area with no vacancy under subsection (b), (c), (d), or (e)
7 and they are not eligible to be designated under existing
8 by-law library provisions of this section. Digital-only de-
9 pository libraries must be freely accessible to and provide
10 services for the public and otherwise meet the require-
11 ments of this title.

12 “(g) Before a library is designated as a depository
13 for Government public information, the Superintendent of
14 Documents shall assess the potential depository library to
15 determine its sustainability for housing a depository collec-
16 tion and for providing access services, including providing
17 access to digital content. The head of that library shall
18 furnish justification of the necessity for the additional des-
19 ignation to the library’s Senator, Member of the House,
20 Delegate, Resident Commissioner from the Common-
21 wealth of Puerto Rico, or the Mayor of the District of Co-
22 lumbia or Governor, as the case may be. The justification
23 shall also include the assessment of the Superintendent
24 of Documents. The justification for depository library des-
25 ignations shall be transmitted to the Superintendent of

1 Documents by the Senator, Member of the House, Dele-
 2 gate, the Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth
 3 of Puerto Rico, or the Mayor of the District of Columbia
 4 or Governor, as the case may be.”.

5 **SEC. 206. CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATED TO LIBRAR-**
 6 **IES OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**

7 Section 1907 of title 44, United States Code, is
 8 amended—

9 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “Govern-
 10 ment publications” and inserting “Government pub-
 11 lic information”; and

12 (2) in the last sentence, by striking “Library of
 13 Congress and the Archivist of the United States”
 14 and inserting “Superintendent of Documents”.

15 **SEC. 207. REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES.**

16 Section 1909 of title 44, United States Code, is
 17 amended to read as follows (and by conforming the table
 18 of sections of chapter 19 accordingly):

19 **“§ 1909. Requirements of depository libraries; reports**
 20 **on conditions; consultations and training;**
 21 **termination; replacement**

22 “(a) Only a library able to provide access to, custody
 23 of, and services for deposited materials or access to and
 24 services for online digital content and located in an area
 25 where it can best serve the public need may be designated

1 as a depository library. The designated depository libraries
2 shall report to the Superintendent of Documents at least
3 every two years concerning their condition.

4 “(b) The Superintendent of Documents shall regu-
5 larly assess conditions in depository libraries. The Super-
6 intendent of Documents shall provide needed training and
7 support by making visits to depository libraries or by other
8 means and include the results of consultations in the Su-
9 perintendent of Documents’ annual report. When the Su-
10 perintendent of Documents ascertains that the designated
11 depository has ceased to be maintained so as to be acces-
12 sible to the public, or that the Government publications
13 which have been furnished the library have not been prop-
14 erly maintained, the Superintendent of Documents shall
15 remove the library from the directory of depository librar-
16 ies if the library fails to correct the unsatisfactory condi-
17 tions within an agreed upon time frame. A library may
18 be designated, pursuant to section 1905 of this chapter,
19 to replace a library deleted by the Superintendent of Docu-
20 ments, provided that the designation may not be in excess
21 of the number of depository libraries authorized by law.”.

1 **SEC. 208. FREE USE OF GOVERNMENT PUBLIC INFORMA-**
2 **TION IN DEPOSITORIES.**

3 Section 1911 of title 44, United States Code, is
4 amended to read as follows (and by conforming the table
5 of sections of chapter 19 accordingly):

6 **“§ 1911. Free use of Government public information**
7 **in depositories; disposal of unwanted**
8 **Government public information**

9 “(a) FREE USE BY THE PUBLIC.—Depository librar-
10 ies shall, pursuant to standards established by the Super-
11 intendent of Documents, make Government public infor-
12 mation accessible for free use by the public.

13 “(b) DIGITAL INFORMATION SUBSTITUTES.—Deposi-
14 tory libraries may substitute digital information for tan-
15 gible publications in accordance with Superintendent of
16 Documents policy and guidance.

17 “(c) DISPOSAL.—A depository library not served by
18 a regional depository library, or that is a regional deposi-
19 tory library, may dispose of unwanted Government public
20 information in accordance with Superintendent of Docu-
21 ments policy and guidance. Depository libraries may dis-
22 pose of tangible publications which are Government prop-
23 erty after retention for five years under section 1912 of
24 this title, if the depository library is served by a regional
25 depository library.”.

1 **SEC. 209. REGIONAL DEPOSITORIES.**

2 Section 1912 of title 44, United States Code, is
3 amended to read as follows (and by conforming the table
4 of sections of chapter 19 accordingly):

5 **“§ 1912. Regional depositories; designation; functions;**
6 **shared responsibilities, disposal of publi-**
7 **cations**

8 “(a) Not more than two depository libraries in each
9 State and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico may be des-
10 ignated as regional depositories and shall receive from the
11 Superintendent of Documents copies of or access to all
12 new and revised Government publications authorized for
13 dissemination to depository libraries. Designation of re-
14 gional depository libraries may be made by a Senator or
15 the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico within the
16 areas served by them. Prior to the designation the Super-
17 intendent of Documents shall consult with the head of the
18 potential regional depository library and ascertain that the
19 library will fulfill the requirements for depository libraries.
20 The agreement to function as a regional depository library
21 shall be transmitted to the Superintendent of Documents
22 by the Senator or the Resident Commissioner from Puerto
23 Rico when the designation is made.

24 “(b) Regional depository libraries shall retain at least
25 one copy of all Government publications received, except
26 those authorized to be discarded by the Superintendent

1 of Documents policy and guidance or covered by collabo-
2 rative agreements approved by the Superintendent of Doc-
3 uments, or make accessible digital versions (in accordance
4 with Superintendent of Documents policy) and, within the
5 area served, will provide leadership and coordination for
6 the provision of program-related activities for depository
7 libraries.

8 “(c) Regional depository libraries from different
9 States may share responsibilities by entering into agree-
10 ments in accordance with Superintendent of Documents
11 guidance and upon approval of a Senator from each of
12 the States.

13 “(d) The Superintendent of Documents shall estab-
14 lish not fewer than four multistate collection service areas
15 to support collaborative collection and service coordination
16 among depository libraries within such area.

17 “(e) Publications distributed by the Superintendent
18 of Documents to depository libraries are holdings of the
19 National Collection of U.S. Government Public Informa-
20 tion and remain the property of the United States Govern-
21 ment. Libraries designated as regional depositories will co-
22 ordinate with the Superintendent of Documents on the
23 disposition of Government Publications from depository li-
24 braries, within the areas served by them, which the deposi-
25 tory library has retained for five years or when the deposi-

1 tory library is relinquishing its depository designation. The
 2 Superintendent of Documents shall manage the National
 3 Collection of U.S. Government Public Information to
 4 maximize the access to, use of, and preservation of Gov-
 5 ernment public information in the depository library pro-
 6 gram.”.

7 **SEC. 210. CATALOGING AND ACCESS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 19 of title 44, United
 9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 10 lowing new section (and by conforming the table of sec-
 11 tions of such chapter accordingly):

12 **“§ 1917. Cataloging and access services**

13 “(a) CATALOGING DESCRIBED.—The Superintendent
 14 of Documents shall provide descriptive cataloging records
 15 for the corpus of Government public information. The cat-
 16 aloging records shall be created using library or informa-
 17 tion industry standards and best practices and shall in-
 18 clude metadata elements in accordance with Super-
 19 intendent of Documents policy.

20 “(b) ACCESS AND AWARENESS SERVICES.—The Su-
 21 perintendent of Documents shall engage in activities that
 22 enhance access to and awareness of Government public in-
 23 formation or provide services that support libraries or or-
 24 ganizations that support libraries in their efforts to serve
 25 their communities’ Government information needs.

1 “(c) SPECIFIC ACCESS SERVICES.—

2 “(1) The Superintendent of Documents shall
3 maintain an online comprehensive catalog of histor-
4 ical and current, tangible and digital Government
5 public information cataloged under subsection (a),
6 and such catalog shall show where the Government
7 public information may be obtained or accessed. The
8 catalog shall be machine- or device-independent and
9 available for free use by the public.

10 “(2) The Superintendent of Documents shall
11 carry out a program to bring unreported Govern-
12 ment public information under bibliographic control
13 and to make records associated with such informa-
14 tion available through the catalog established by this
15 section and such other methods as may be appro-
16 priate.

17 “(3) The Superintendent of Documents may
18 make the records of such catalog available to Fed-
19 eral depository libraries, bibliographic utilities that
20 support widely available record sharing, or other en-
21 tities that make available Government public infor-
22 mation.

23 “(4) The Superintendent of Documents may ac-
24 cept records for inclusion in such catalog from li-
25 braries and agencies of the Federal Government,

1 Federal depository libraries, bibliographic utilities
2 that support widely available record sharing, or
3 other entities that make available Government public
4 information.

5 “(5) The Superintendent of Documents may ac-
6 quire digital Government public information for in-
7 clusion in the Cataloging and Access Services Pro-
8 gram, Federal Depository Library Program, and
9 GPO’s System of Online Access through automated
10 and manual harvesting of public websites. Such con-
11 tent will be cataloged, made accessible through the
12 catalog established under this subsection, and pre-
13 served.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 17 of
15 such title is amended by repealing sections 1710 and 1711
16 (and by conforming the table of sections of such chapter
17 accordingly).

18 **SEC. 211. NATIONAL COLLECTION OF UNITED STATES PUB-**
19 **LIC INFORMATION.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 19 of title 44, United
21 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing new section (and by conforming the table of sec-
23 tions of such chapter accordingly):

1 **“§ 1918. National Collection of United States Public**
2 **Information**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—

4 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby estab-
5 lished a National Collection of United States Gov-
6 ernment Public Information (referred to in this
7 chapter as the ‘National Collection’).

8 “(2) PURPOSE.—The Federal Government’s
9 publications and information are national assets and
10 resources. Their availability and accessibility ensures
11 an informed citizenry and an improved quality of life
12 for them while spurring innovation. The National
13 Collection is established to ensure the public’s right
14 to free, equitable, and convenient access to Govern-
15 ment public information.

16 “(b) SCOPE OF THE NATIONAL COLLECTION.—The
17 content included in the National Collection is the corpus
18 of Government public information.

19 “(c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
20 OF DOCUMENTS.—The Superintendent of Documents
21 shall administer the National Collection and shall—

22 “(1) guarantee free permanent public access to
23 the geographically distributed National Collection;

24 “(2) apply information lifecycle management
25 best practices to the National Collection;

1 “(3) acquire and bring under bibliographic con-
2 trol public Government information products, re-
3 gardless of format, in scope of the National Collec-
4 tion;

5 “(4) ensure a minimum of four tangible copies
6 of distributed publications exist in the depository li-
7 brary program distributed geographically in four Na-
8 tional Collection service areas; and

9 “(5) collaborate with stakeholders, including the
10 Library of Congress, libraries of the United States,
11 Federal agencies, Congress, the Judiciary, and Fed-
12 eral Depository Library Program member libraries
13 in as much as is practicable, to ensure preservation,
14 comprehensiveness, and accessibility of the National
15 Collection.

16 “(d) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE
17 GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE.—The Director of the
18 Government Publishing Office, acting through the Super-
19 intendent of Documents, shall—

20 “(1) operate a digital repository system that
21 functions as the Government Publishing Office’s on-
22 line system of access through which members of the
23 public may obtain, at no charge, information that is
24 included in the National Collection;

1 “(2) develop and enhance such system as need-
2 ed;

3 “(3) digitize, authenticate, manage, preserve,
4 and provide a permanent means of accessing infor-
5 mation;

6 “(4) provide access to information in an open
7 format to the extent practicable;

8 “(5) provide funding for system development,
9 operational support, and infrastructure; and

10 “(6) have the ability to provide services to Fed-
11 eral agencies for the purpose of carrying out this
12 title.

13 “(e) PROTECTING USER PRIVACY.—The Director of
14 the Government Publishing Office, acting through the Su-
15 perintendent of Documents, shall implement measures to
16 protect the privacy of individuals using the digital reposi-
17 tory described in subsection (d), and shall ensure that
18 such measures provide users with at least the same level
19 of privacy as provided under section 552a of title 5 (com-
20 monly known as the Privacy Act of 1974) and section 208
21 of the E-Government Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–347).

22 “(f) REMOVAL OF PUBLIC GOVERNMENT INFORMA-
23 TION FROM NATIONAL COLLECTION.—The Super-
24 intendent of Documents shall publicly disclose online, not
25 less than annually, a list of any public Government infor-

1 mation removed from public access in the National Collec-
2 tion or the digital repository described in subsection (d),
3 and the reasons for such removals.”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Chapter 41 of title
5 44, United States Code, and the item relating to such
6 chapter in the table of chapters at the beginning, are here-
7 by repealed.

8 **SEC. 212. PRINTING OR PUBLICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL**
9 **DIRECTORY.**

10 Section 721 of title 44, United States Code, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 **“§ 721. Congressional Directory**

13 “There shall be prepared under the direction of the
14 Director of the Government Publishing Office (1) a Con-
15 gressional Directory, which shall be prepared in a digital
16 format available at a public website of the Government
17 Publishing Office as early as practicable during the first
18 session of each Congress and (2) a supplement to each
19 Congressional Directory, which shall be prepared in a dig-
20 ital format available at a public website of the Government
21 Publishing Office as early as practicable during the second
22 regular session of each Congress.”.

1 **TITLE III—GPO OPERATIONAL**
 2 **MODERNIZATION**

3 **SEC. 301. UPDATING OVERSIGHT BY THE JOINT COM-**
 4 **MITTEE.**

5 (a) REDESIGNATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON
 6 PRINTING TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING.—

7 (1) The Joint Committee on Printing is hereby
 8 redesignated the Joint Committee on Publishing.

9 (2) Any reference to the Joint Committee on
 10 Printing in any law, rule, regulation, certificate, di-
 11 rective, instruction, or any other official paper in
 12 force on the date of enactment of this Act shall be
 13 considered to refer and apply to the Joint Com-
 14 mittee on Publishing.

15 (b) MODERNIZING JOINT COMMITTEE STRUC-
 16 TURE.—Chapter 1 of title 44, United States Code, is
 17 amended to read as follows:

18 **“CHAPTER 1—JOINT COMMITTEE ON**
 19 **PUBLISHING**

“Sec.

“101. Joint Committee on Publishing: membership.

“102. Joint Committee on Publishing: purpose and authority.

“103. Joint Committee on Publishing: succession; powers during recess.

“104. Joint Committee on Publishing: remedial powers.

20 **“§ 101. Joint Committee on Publishing: membership**

21 “The Joint Committee on Publishing shall consist of
 22 the chair and four members of the Committee on Rules

1 and Administration of the Senate and the chair and four
2 members of the Committee on House Oversight of the
3 House of Representatives.

4 **“§ 102. Joint Committee on Publishing: purpose and**
5 **authority**

6 “The Joint Committee on Publishing shall oversee
7 the Government Publishing Office and supervise the Di-
8 rector of the Government Publishing Office.

9 **“§ 103. Joint Committee on Publishing: succession;**
10 **powers during recess**

11 “The members of the Joint Committee on Publishing
12 who are reelected to the succeeding Congress shall con-
13 tinue as members of the committee until their successors
14 are chosen. The President of the Senate and the Speaker
15 of the House of Representatives shall, on the last day of
16 a Congress, appoint members of their respective Houses
17 who have been elected to the succeeding Congress to fill
18 vacancies which may then be about to occur on the Com-
19 mittee, and the appointees and members of the Committee
20 who have been reelected shall continue until their succes-
21 sors are chosen. When Congress is not in session, the
22 Joint Committee may exercise all its powers and duties
23 as when Congress is in session.

1 **“§ 104. Joint Committee on Publishing: remedial pow-**
 2 **ers**

3 “The Joint Committee on Publishing may use any
 4 measures it considers necessary to remedy neglect, delay,
 5 duplication, or waste in the public printing and binding
 6 and the distribution of Congressional publications in any
 7 form.”.

8 (c) REMOVING EXTRANEOUS REFERENCES TO THE
 9 JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.—

10 (1) Section 1108 of title 44, United States
 11 Code, is amended by striking “, subject to regulation
 12 by the Joint Committee on Printing,”.

13 (2) Section 1301 of title 44, United States
 14 Code, is amended by striking “in accordance with di-
 15 rections of the Joint Committee on Printing,”.

16 (3) Section 1320A of title 44, United States
 17 Code, is amended by striking “and with the approval
 18 of the Joint Committee on Printing,”.

19 (4) Section 312 of the Federal Power Act (16
 20 U.S.C. 825k) is amended by striking “All printing
 21 for the Federal Power Commission” and all that fol-
 22 lows through “providing for interdepartmental
 23 work.”.

24 (5) Section 5(c) of the National Foundation on
 25 the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (20
 26 U.S.C. 954(c)) is amended by striking “In the case

1 of publications under paragraph (10) of this sub-
2 section such publications may be supported without
3 regard for the provisions of section 501 of title 44,
4 United States Code, only if the Chairperson consults
5 with the Joint Committee on Printing of the Con-
6 gress and the Chairperson submits to the Committee
7 on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate and
8 the Committee on Education and Labor of the
9 House of Representatives a report justifying any ex-
10 emption from such section 501.”.

11 (6) Section 7(c) of the National Foundation on
12 the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (20
13 U.S.C. 956) is amended by striking “In the case of
14 publications under clause (8) of this subsection such
15 publications may be supported without regard for
16 the provisions of section 501 of title 44, United
17 States Code, only if the Chairperson consults with
18 the Joint Committee on Printing of the Congress
19 and the Chairperson submits to the Committee on
20 Labor and Human Resources of the Senate and the
21 Committee on Education and Labor of the House of
22 Representatives a report justifying any exemption
23 from such section 501.”.

24 (7) Section 411(a) of title 28, United States
25 Code, is amended by striking the last sentence.

1 (d) SERVICES FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL RE-
 2 GION.—Section 1121 of title 44, United States Code, is
 3 amended to read as follows (and by conforming the table
 4 of sections of chapter 11 accordingly):

5 **“§ 1121. Paper and envelopes for Government agen-**
 6 **cies in the National Capital region**

7 “The Director of the Government Publishing Office
 8 may procure, as provided by sections 509–516 of this title,
 9 and furnish on requisition, paper and envelopes (not in-
 10 cluding envelopes printed in the course of manufacture)
 11 in common use by two or more departments, establish-
 12 ments, or services of the Government in the National Cap-
 13 ital region, within the meaning of section 8702 of title 40,
 14 United States Code, and reimbursement shall be made to
 15 the Director of the Government Publishing Office from ap-
 16 propriations or funds available for the purpose. Paper and
 17 envelopes so furnished by the Director of the Government
 18 Publishing Office may not be procured in any other man-
 19 ner.”.

20 **SEC. 302. MODERNIZING AUTHORITIES OF THE GOVERN-**
 21 **MENT PUBLISHING OFFICE.**

22 (a) PRINT AND PUBLISHING PROCUREMENT SERV-
 23 ICES.—Section 502 of title 44, United States Code, is
 24 amended—

1 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “, **pub-**
2 **lishing**” after “**binding**”;

3 (2) in the text, by inserting “, publishing” after
4 “binding”; and

5 (3) by striking “Joint Committee on Printing”
6 and inserting “Joint Committee on Publishing”.

7 (b) REPEAL OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.—Sections
8 503, 504, 1104, 1105, and 1112 of title 44, United States
9 Code, are repealed (and by conforming the table of sec-
10 tions for the applicable chapters accordingly).

11 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Sections 505, 508
12 through 515, 517, 702, 703, 707, 709, 714, 717, 718,
13 722 through 724, 728, 738, and 901 through 905 of title
14 44, United States Code, are amended by striking “Joint
15 Committee on Printing” in each place it appears and in-
16 serting “Joint Committee on Publishing”.

17 **SEC. 303. UPDATING AND MODERNIZING CONGRESSIONAL**
18 **PUBLISHING.**

19 (a) HOUSE AND SENATE DOCUMENTS AND RE-
20 PORTS.—Section 701 of title 44, United States Code, is
21 amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 701. ‘Usual number’ of documents and reports; dis-**
 2 **tribution of House and Senate documents**
 3 **and reports; binding; reports on private**
 4 **bills; number of copies printed; distribu-**
 5 **tion**

6 “(a) The order by either House of Congress to print
 7 a document or report shall signify the ‘usual number’ of
 8 copies for binding and distribution among those entitled
 9 to receive them. A greater number may not be printed un-
 10 less ordered by either House, or as provided by this sec-
 11 tion. When a special number of a document or report is
 12 ordered printed, the usual number shall also be printed,
 13 unless already ordered.

14 “(b) The ‘usual number’ of documents and reports
 15 shall be established by the Joint Committee on Publishing,
 16 and shall be printed at one time and distributed according
 17 to instruction of the Joint Committee Publishing.”.

18 (b) **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.**—Section 706 of title
 19 44, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

20 **“§ 706. Bills and resolutions: number and distribution**

21 “(a) Public bills, resolutions, and private bills shall
 22 be printed in bill form, and, unless specially ordered by
 23 either House, shall be printed only when referred to a com-
 24 mittee, when favorably reported back, and after their pas-
 25 sage by either House. Concurrent and simple resolutions

1 shall be printed in bill form when reported and after their
 2 passage by either House, except by special order.

3 “(b) The Director of the Government Publishing Of-
 4 fice shall ensure the distribution of such printed copies
 5 to the Senate document room, the Secretary of the Senate,
 6 the House document room, and the Superintendent of
 7 Documents and other entities at the direction of the Joint
 8 Committee on Publishing.”.

9 (c) CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.—Section 906 of title
 10 44, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

11 **“§ 906. Congressional Record: gratuitous copies; de-**
 12 **livery**

13 “The Director of the Government Publishing Office
 14 shall furnish copies of the daily and permanent forms of
 15 the Congressional Record, including such copies as may
 16 be required for distribution to depository libraries, under
 17 the direction of the Joint Committee on Publishing.”.

18 **SEC. 304. GPO AND THE FEDERAL REGISTER.**

19 Title 44, United States Code, is amended—

20 (1) in section 1502, by striking “, together with
 21 the Director of the Government Publishing Office,”;

22 (2) in section 1503, by striking “to the Govern-
 23 ment Publishing Office” and insert “for publica-
 24 tion”;

1 (3) by amending section 1504 to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 **“§ 1504. ‘Federal Register’; publishing; contents; dis-**
4 **tribution; price; physical copies**

5 “Documents required or authorized to be published
6 by section 1505 shall be published immediately in a serial
7 publication designated the ‘Federal Register’. The Direc-
8 tor of the Government Publishing Office may make avail-
9 able the facilities of the Government Publishing Office for
10 the prompt publication of the Federal Register in the
11 manner and at the times required by this chapter and the
12 regulations prescribed under it under an agreement with
13 the Archivist of the United States. The contents of the
14 daily issues shall constitute all documents, required or au-
15 thorized to be published, filed with the Office of the Fed-
16 eral Register up to the time of the day immediately pre-
17 ceding the day of publication fixed by regulations under
18 this chapter. There shall be published with each document
19 a copy of the notation, required to be made by section
20 1503, of the day and hour when, upon filing with the Of-
21 fice, the document was made available for public inspec-
22 tion. Distribution shall be made at a time in the morning
23 of the day of distribution fixed by regulations prescribed
24 under this chapter. The prices to be charged for the Fed-
25 eral Register may be fixed by the Administrative Com-

1 mittee of the Federal Register established by section 1506
2 without reference to the restrictions placed upon and fixed
3 for the sale of Government publications by sections 1705
4 and 1708. The Director of the Office of the Federal Reg-
5 ister shall arrange for the printing of at least two physical
6 copies of each published Federal Register issue. Of those,
7 not less than two copies shall be stored, each in a separate
8 facility, to ensure the preservation of the Federal Register
9 for the purposes of continuity of government.”;

10 (4) by amending section 1505(c) to read as fol-
11 lows:

12 “(c) ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATION.—In a continuity
13 of operations event that limits the fulfillment of the publi-
14 cation requirements of this chapter, the Office of the Fed-
15 eral Register may establish an alternative method to pub-
16 lish the Federal Register until such time that the regular
17 publication may resume.”;

18 (5) in section 1506(a), by striking “an officer
19 of the Department of Justice designated by the At-
20 torney General, and the Director of the Government
21 Publishing Office or Acting Director of the Govern-
22 ment Publishing Office” and inserting “and an offi-
23 cer of the Department of Justice designated by the
24 Attorney General”; and

1 (6) by amending section 1509 to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 **“§ 1509. Costs of publication, etc.**

4 “(a) If the Government Publishing Office publishes
5 the Federal Register or Code of Federal Regulations, the
6 cost of such publishing, and, except as provided in sub-
7 section (b), other expenses incurred by the Government
8 Publishing Office in carrying out the duties under this
9 chapter shall be charged to the revolving fund provided
10 in section 309. Reimbursements for such costs and ex-
11 penses shall be made by the Federal agencies and credited,
12 together with all receipts, as provided in section 309(b).

13 “(b) If the Government Publishing Office publishes
14 any other publications of the Federal Register program,
15 the costs of such publications and other expenses incurred
16 by the Government Publishing Office in connection with
17 such publications, shall be borne by the appropriations to
18 the Government Publishing Office and the appropriations
19 are made available, and are authorized to be increased by
20 additional sums necessary for the purposes, the increases
21 to be based upon estimates submitted by the Director of
22 the Government Publishing Office.”.

23 **SEC. 305. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.**

24 (a) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—Section
25 318(a) of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
2 (1);

3 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
4 graph (2) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(3) in accordance with subsection (c), accept,
8 hold, administer, and utilize gifts and bequests of
9 property for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the
10 work of the Government Publishing Office.”.

11 (b) **AUTHORITY DESCRIBED.**—Section 318 of such
12 title is amended by adding at the end the following new
13 subsection:

14 “(c)(1) Gifts and bequests of money and the proceeds
15 from sales of other property received as gifts or bequests
16 shall be deposited in the Revolving Fund established under
17 section 309 of this title and shall be used solely for govern-
18 mental purposes.

19 “(2) Property accepted pursuant to this provision,
20 and the proceeds thereof, shall be used as nearly as pos-
21 sible in accordance with the terms of the gift or bequest.

22 “(3) For purposes of Federal income, estate, or gift
23 taxes, property accepted under this section shall be consid-
24 ered as a gift, devise, or bequest to the United States.”.

1 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The heading of sec-
2 tion 318 of such title is amended by adding “; **gift ac-**
3 **ceptance**” at the end (and by conforming the table of
4 sections of chapter 3 accordingly).

5 **SEC. 306. SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS.**

6 Section 311 of title 44, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**small**
9 **purchase**” and inserting “**simplified acquisi-**
10 **tion**” (and by conforming the table of sections of
11 chapter 3 accordingly);

12 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
13 lows:

14 “(b) In addition to the authority to negotiate other-
15 wise provided by law, the Director of the Government Pub-
16 lishing Office may negotiate purchases and contracts for
17 supplies or services for which the Director of the Govern-
18 ment Publishing Office determines that it is impracticable
19 to secure competition by advertising. The Director of the
20 Government Publishing Office may designate one or more
21 employees of the Government Publishing Office to carry
22 out this subsection.”; and

23 (3) in subsection (c), by striking “\$100,000”
24 and inserting “\$350,000”.

1 **SEC. 307. SUPPLIES OR SERVICES.**

2 Section 314 of title 44, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**Inks,**
5 **glues, and other supplies**” and inserting
6 “**Supplies or services**”(and by conforming the
7 table of sections of chapter 3 accordingly);

8 (2) by striking “Inks, glues, and other supplies
9 manufactured” and inserting “Supplies manufac-
10 tured or services performed”; and

11 (3) by inserting “publishing” after “in connec-
12 tion with its”.

13 **SEC. 308. DETAIL OF EMPLOYEES.**

14 Section 316 of title 44, United States Code, is
15 amended by striking “and binding” and inserting “, bind-
16 ing, and publishing”.

17 **SEC. 309. EQUALIZING GPO COMPENSATION WITH OTHER**
18 **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AGENCIES.**

19 Section 303 of title 44, United States Code, is
20 amended by striking the second sentence.

21 **SEC. 310. LEAVE CARRYOVER FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENT**
22 **PUBLISHING OFFICE POSITIONS.**

23 Section 6304(f)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is
24 amended—

25 (1) in subparagraph (G), by striking “or”;

1 (2) in the first subparagraph (H), by striking
2 the period and inserting a semicolon;

3 (3) in the second subparagraph (H)—

4 (A) by redesignating such subparagraph as
5 subparagraph (I); and

6 (B) by striking the period at the end and
7 inserting “; or”; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(J) a position in the Government Publishing
10 Office senior level service.”.

11 **TITLE IV—PREPARATION OF** 12 **CONSTITUTION ANNOTATED**

13 **SECTION 401. REPEAL REQUIREMENT FOR CONGRES-** 14 **SIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE TO PREPARE** 15 **ANNOTATED CONSTITUTION AND SUPPLE-** 16 **MENTS IN HARDBOUND VERSION.**

17 (a) REPEAL.—The first section of Public Law 91–
18 589 (2 U.S.C. 168) is amended—

19 (1) by striking “the Librarian of Congress” and
20 inserting “(a) subject to subsection (b), the Librar-
21 ian of Congress”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
23 section:

24 “(b)(1) Upon the completion of the October 2031
25 term of the Supreme Court and upon the completion of

1 each tenth October term of the Supreme Court thereafter,
2 the Librarian of Congress shall have prepared a digital
3 decennial revised edition of the Constitution Annotated,
4 which shall contain annotations of all decisions theretofore
5 rendered by the Supreme Court construing provisions of
6 the Constitution, in place of the hardbound decennial re-
7 vised edition of the Constitution Annotated described in
8 subsection (a)(3).

9 “(2) Upon the completion of the October 2026 term
10 of the Supreme Court and upon the completion of each
11 subsequent October term of the Supreme Court beginning
12 in an odd-numbered year (the final digit of which is not
13 a 1), the Librarian shall have prepared a digital cumu-
14 lative pocket-part supplement to the most recent decennial
15 revised edition of the Constitution Annotated, which shall
16 contain cumulative annotations of all such decisions ren-
17 dered by the Supreme Court which were not included in
18 the most recent revised edition of the Constitution Anno-
19 tated, in place of the hardbound editions of the cumulative
20 pocket-part supplement described in subsection (a)(4).”.

21 (b) ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF DIGITAL
22 VERSIONS.—Section 2 of Public Law 91–589 (2 U.S.C.
23 168a) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “All hardbound” and inserting
25 “(a) All hardbound”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(b)(1) The digital decennial revised editions of the
4 Constitution Annotated prepared under subsection (b)(1)
5 of the first section of this Joint Resolution and the digital
6 cumulative pocket-part supplements prepared under sub-
7 section (b)(2) of the first section of this Joint Resolution
8 shall be available at a public website of the Library of Con-
9 gress.

10 “(2) The Librarian of Congress shall ensure the con-
11 tinuing availability of the documents referred to in para-
12 graph (1) to Congress and the public.”.

13 (c) REPEAL OF ADDITIONAL PRINTING REQUIRE-
14 MENTS.—

15 (1) MANDATORY PRINTING OF ADDITIONAL
16 COPIES.—Section 3 of Public Law 91–589 (2 U.S.C.
17 168b) is amended—

18 (A) by striking “There shall be printed”
19 and inserting “(a) There shall be printed”; and

20 (B) by adding at the end the following new
21 subsection:

22 “(b) Subsection (a) does not apply after completion
23 of the October 2026 term of the Supreme Court, and the
24 Librarian of Congress shall provide the decennial revised
25 editions of the Constitution Annotated and the cumulative

1 pocket part supplements prepared under this Joint Reso-
2 lution exclusively in a digital format available at a public
3 website of the Library of Congress.”.

4 (2) PRINTING OF ADDITIONAL COPIES PURSU-
5 ANT TO CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.—Section 4 of
6 Public Law 91–589 (2 U.S.C. 168c) is repealed.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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