

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 9822

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2026

Mr. WIED introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

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## A BILL

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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 “Safeguarding Ethics  
5 and Restoring Voter Expectations Act” or the “SERVE  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST LOBBYING OF CONGRESS**  
2 **BY FORMER MEMBERS.**

3 (a) SENATORS.—Section 207(e)(1)(A) of title 18,  
4 United States Code, is amended by striking “within 2  
5 years” and inserting “within 10 years”.

6 (b) MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF  
7 REPRESENTATIVES.—Section 207(e)(1)(B)(i) of such title  
8 is amended by striking “within 1 year” and inserting  
9 “within 10 years”.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.— The amendments made by  
11 this section shall apply with respect to individuals who  
12 leave office on or after the date of the enactment of this  
13 Act.

14 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION AGAINST SERVING AS FEDERAL CON-**  
15 **TRACTORS BY FORMER MEMBERS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
17 sion of law, a Member of Congress may not accept com-  
18 pensation as a Federal contractor for the 10-year period  
19 that begins on the date that the Member leaves office.

20 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

21 (1) the term “Federal contractor” has the  
22 meaning given that term under section 115.1 of title  
23 11, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor  
24 thereto; and

1           (2) the term “Member of Congress” means any  
2       Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resi-  
3       dent Commissioner to, the Congress.

4       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.— This section shall apply with  
5       respect to Members of Congress who leave office on or  
6       after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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