

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. J. RES. 37

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States establishing  
English as the official language of the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 1997

Mr. DOOLITTLE introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
States establishing English as the official language of  
the United States.

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. The English language shall be the offi-  
3 cial language of the United States. As the official lan-  
4 guage, the English language shall be used for all public  
5 acts including every order, resolution, vote or election, and  
6 for all records and judicial proceedings of the Government  
7 of the United States and the governments of the several  
8 States.

9 “SECTION 2. The Congress and the States shall en-  
10 force this article by appropriate legislation.”.

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