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# H. R. 2622

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 1999

Mr. HAYES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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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adjustment.

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 “Congressional Pay Ac-  
5       countability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELECTION TO DECLINE AN ANNUAL PAY ADJUST-**  
2 **MENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 601(a) of the Legislative  
4 Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) is amended by  
5 adding at the end the following:

6 “(3)(A) A Member of, or Member-elect to, Congress  
7 may decline a pay adjustment under paragraph (2) by  
8 making an appropriate election under this paragraph.

9 “(B) An election under this paragraph—

10 “(i) shall be made in time so as to take effect  
11 beginning with the first amount payable to the elect-  
12 ing individual that would otherwise reflect the ad-  
13 justment to which such election pertains;

14 “(ii) shall be effective with respect to pay for  
15 service performed by the electing individual in any  
16 position listed in paragraph (1) (including after a  
17 change of position or a break in service), and shall  
18 be irrevocable with respect to the adjustment to  
19 which it pertains; and

20 “(iii) shall be made in such time, form, and  
21 manner as the appropriate official may require, con-  
22 sistent with the provisions of this paragraph.

23 “(C) The ‘appropriate official’ referred to in subpara-  
24 graph (B)(iii) is the same official as referred to in section  
25 8401(20) of title 5, United States Code.”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—An election under the  
2 amendment made by this section shall be available with  
3 respect to any pay adjustment taking effect on or after  
4 January 1, 2001.

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