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S. 44

To direct the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to procure a statue of Benjamin Franklin for placement in the United States Capitol.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 9, 2025

Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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. PROCUREMENT AND PLACEMENT OF STATUE**
4 **OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN IN THE UNITED**
5 **STATES CAPITOL.**

6 (a) OBTAINING OF STATUE.—Not later than Decem-
7 ber 31, 2025, the Joint Committee of Congress on the Li-
8 brary (referred to in this section as the “Joint Com-
9 mittee”) shall enter into an agreement to obtain a statue

1 of Benjamin Franklin, under such terms and conditions
2 as the Joint Committee considers appropriate consistent
3 with applicable law.

4 (b) PLACEMENT.—Not later than December 31,
5 2026, the Joint Committee shall place the statue obtained
6 under subsection (a) in a suitable permanent location in
7 the United States Capitol where the statue is accessible
8 to the public during a guided tour of the Capitol provided
9 by the Office of the Capitol Visitor Center.

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