

# Birthright Citizenship Act of 2013

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401) shall  
3 be amended to clarify those classes of individuals born in the United  
4 States who are nationals and citizens of the United States at birth:

5 (1) By inserting "(a) In General.--" before "The following";

6 (2) By designating subsections (a) through (h) as paragraphs (1) through  
7 (8), respectively; and

8 (3) By adding at the end the following:

9 "(b) Definition.--Acknowledging the right of birthright citizenship  
10 established by section 1 of the 14th amendment to the Constitution,  
11 a person born in the United States shall be considered 'subject to the  
12 jurisdiction' of the United States for purposes of subsection (a)(1) if  
13 the person is born in the United States of parents, one of whom is--  
14 (1) a citizen or national of the United States;  
15 (2) an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United  
16 States whose residence is in the United States; or  
17 (3) an alien performing active service in the armed forces (as defined  
18 in section 101 of title 10, United States Code)."

19 **SECTION 2.** Applicability.-- The amendment made by subsection (a)(3) shall not be  
20 construed to affect the citizenship or nationality status of any person  
21 born before the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect upon passage and coordinated by the Secretary  
23 of Homeland Security.

24 **SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## A Bill to Trace the Sale of Firearms

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall provide for the implementation of a system of licensing for  
3 purchasers of certain firearms and for a record of sale system for those  
4 firearms, and for other purposes.

5 **SECTION 2.** The term firearm refers to any handgun or any semiautomatic firearm  
6 that can accept any detachable ammunition feeding device and does not  
7 include any antique.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States government shall be responsible for overseeing this  
9 bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect immediately upon passage.

11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Barkley Forum.*

# A Bill to Authorize Funding to Enhance Classroom Paraprofessionals to Improve Educational Achievement

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Education shall disburse funds to states participating in  
3 this act to recruit, hire, and train 100,000 new classroom  
4 paraprofessionals, with emphasis on reducing class size burdens in the  
5 elementary grades, an in particular, for students with special needs,  
6 bilingual and migrant children.

7 **SECTION 2.** Of these funds, up to 25 percent may be used by local educational  
8 agencies to provide professional development, including summer  
9 institutes.

10 **SECTION 3.** These funds only may be used to supplement, and not supplant, state  
11 and local funds. No funds may be used to increase salaries or provide  
12 benefits to current paraprofessionals not hired through this act.

13 **SECTION 4.** Each state receiving funds shall submit to the Secretary a biennial report  
14 showing use of funds, types of services furnished, and students served.  
15 Parents also shall receive public reports on the decreasing ratio of  
16 students to personnel, as well as qualifications of classroom personnel.

17 **SECTION 5.** The term “paraprofessional” means an individual employed in a public  
18 school under the supervision of a certified or licensed teacher.

19 **SECTION 6.** Each fiscal year, 2014 through 2018, \$1,000,000,000 shall be  
20 appropriated to the Department of Education to administer this act.

## **A Bill to Embrace our Nation's Bilingual Destiny**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All public elementary students in the United States shall be required to  
3 learn Spanish, beginning with the first grade.

4 **SECTION 2.** States that do not comply with enforcing this act shall have federal  
5 funding for education revoked.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education shall oversee this act.

7 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect with the 2015-16 school year.

8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate at the Harvard National Congress.*

# High-Speed Rail for America Act of 2013

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Office of High Speed-Passenger Rail is herewith created within the  
3 Federal Railroad Administration, charged with consulting with the  
4 Secretary of Transportation to finance high-speed intercity rail facility  
5 projects through bonds issued in accordance with section 54F or 142(i) of  
6 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of Transportation, working through the Office, shall consult  
8 with the Secretary of Homeland Security and Secretary of Defense to  
9 understand how high-speed rail can benefit the nation's infrastructure in  
10 times of emergency and prioritize which corridors will prove most  
11 beneficial if other modes of transportation are compromised.

12 **SECTION 3.** To administer this act, the Secretary of Transportation is appropriated  
13 \$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2013 through 2019.

14 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary shall specify the manner and procedure by which bonds  
15 are granted to private sector construction firms to implement this act.

16 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect upon passage.

17 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# **A Bill to Provide for the Withdrawal of the United States from the North American Free Trade Agreement**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Withdrawal of Approval.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
3 the approval of the NAFTA by the Congress provided for in section 101(a)  
4 of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act shall  
5 cease to be effective beginning on the date that is six months after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act.

7 **SECTION 2.** Notification of Withdrawal.--On the date of the enactment of this Act,  
8 the President shall provide to the Governments of Canada and Mexico  
9 written notice of withdrawal of the United States from the NAFTA in  
10 accordance with Article 2205 of the NAFTA.

11 **SECTION 3.** AFTA Defined.--In this section, the term "NAFTA" means the North  
12 American Free Trade Agreement entered into between the United  
13 States, Canada, and Mexico on December 17, 1992.