

HR 539

We the People Act

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Policy Area: Law

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy. (Jun 12, 2009)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 12, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

We the People Act - Prohibits the Supreme Court and each federal court from adjudicating any claim or relying on judicial decisions involving: (1) state or local laws, regulations, or policies concerning the free exercise or establishment of religion; (2) the right of privacy, including issues of sexual practices, orientation, or reproduction; or (3) the right to marry without regard to sex or sexual orientation where based upon equal protection of the laws.

Allows the Supreme Court and the federal courts to determine the constitutionality of federal statutes, administrative rules, or procedures in considering cases arising under the Constitution. Prohibits the Supreme Court and the federal courts from issuing any ruling that appropriates or expends money, imposes taxes, or otherwise interferes with the legislative functions or administrative discretion of the states.

Authorizes any party or intervener in matters before any federal court, including the Supreme Court, to challenge the jurisdiction of the court under this Act.

Provides that the violation of this Act by any justice or judge is an impeachable offense and a material breach of good behavior subject to removal.

Negates as binding precedent on the state courts any federal court decision that relates to an issue removed from federal jurisdiction by this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 12, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy.
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E88-89)
- **Jan 14, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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