

HR 997

English Language Unity Act of 2013

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Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Mar 6, 2013
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Rep. Bridenstine, Jim [R-OK-1]	R · OK		May 22, 2013
Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		May 22, 2013
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Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		May 6, 2014
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Rep. Campbell, John [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Jun 10, 2014
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Jun 10, 2014
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Jun 10, 2014
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Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Jun 24, 2014

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Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jul 10, 2014
Rep. Schock, Aaron [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Jul 10, 2014
Rep. Fleming, John [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Jul 14, 2014
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Jul 15, 2014
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Rep. McAllister, Vance M. [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Sep 8, 2014
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Sep 9, 2014
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Sep 15, 2014
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Nov 12, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 6, 2013
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 8, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 464	Related bill	Mar 5, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1133)

Summary (as of Mar 6, 2013)

English Language Unity Act of 2013 - Makes English the official language of the United States.

Requires, subject to exceptions and rules of construction, that: (1) official functions of the U.S. government be conducted in English, and (2) all naturalization ceremonies be conducted in English.

Establishes a uniform English language rule for naturalization.

Makes English language requirements and workplace policies, whether in the public or private sector, presumptively consistent with the laws of the United States.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to issue for public notice and comment a proposed rule for uniform testing of English language ability of candidates for naturalization based upon the principles that: (1) all citizens should be able to read and understand generally the English language text of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the laws of the United States; and (2) any exceptions to this standard should be limited to extraordinary circumstances, such as asylum.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 8, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Mar 6, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 6, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.