

HJRES 4

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the pardon power of the President.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 4, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HJRES 45	Related bill	Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Summary (as of Jan 4, 2021)

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment limiting the pardon power of the President.

The amendment prohibits the President from granting a pardon or reprieve to himself or herself, to family members or members of the administration, to paid campaign employees, to a person or entity for an offense motivated by an interest of any of those people, or to a person or entity for an offense directed by or coordinated with the President.

The amendment also invalidates pardons issued for a corrupt purpose.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 4, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jan 4, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.