

## HJRES 53

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit the use of slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for a crime.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jun 17, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Nov 1, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-joint-resolution/53>

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

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| Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]              | D · NY        |      | Jul 22, 2021 |
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| Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]               | D · NY        |      | Aug 10, 2021 |
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| Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]          | D · TX        |      | Dec 7, 2021  |
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| Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]                 | D · TN        |      | Feb 15, 2022 |
| Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]         | D · MI        |      | Feb 15, 2022 |
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| Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]          | D · MS        |      | Feb 15, 2022 |
| Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]              | D · IL        |      | Feb 25, 2022 |
| Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]       | D · NM        |      | Feb 25, 2022 |
| Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]            | D · MD        |      | Feb 28, 2022 |
| Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]          | D · NY        |      | Feb 28, 2022 |
| Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]            | D · NY        |      | Feb 28, 2022 |
| Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]                | D · CA        |      | Feb 28, 2022 |
| Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]             | D · KY        |      | Feb 28, 2022 |
| Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]      | D · TX        |      | Mar 1, 2022  |
| Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]                  | D · MI        |      | Mar 1, 2022  |
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| Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]      | D · IL        |      | Mar 2, 2022  |
| Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]           | D · TX        |      | Mar 3, 2022  |
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| Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]               | R · UT        |      | Mar 15, 2022 |
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| Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]          | D · NY        |      | Mar 24, 2022 |
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| Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]            | D · WA        |      | May 6, 2022  |
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| Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]                | D · MD        |      | May 16, 2022 |
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| Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]             | D · NJ        |      | May 17, 2022 |
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| Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]             | D · NC        |      | Jun 3, 2022  |
| Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]                 | D · FL        |      | Jun 3, 2022  |
| Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]                  | D · NV        |      | Jun 3, 2022  |
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| Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]      | D · CA        |      | Jun 9, 2022  |
| Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]   | D · RI        |      | Jun 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]      | D · TX        |      | Jun 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]      | D · WA        |      | Jun 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]          | R · NY        |      | Jun 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]       | D · IN        |      | Jun 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]     | D · NY        |      | Jun 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]       | D · CA        |      | Jun 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]          | D · NY        |      | Jun 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]     | D · MI        |      | Jun 14, 2022 |
| Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]       | D · MN        |      | Jun 14, 2022 |
| Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]           | D · CA        |      | Jun 14, 2022 |
| Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]            | D · NV        |      | Jun 15, 2022 |
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| Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]       | D · NC        |      | Jun 15, 2022 |
| Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]     | D · PA        |      | Jun 15, 2022 |
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| Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]      | D · CA        |      | Jun 16, 2022 |
| Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]            | D · CA        |      | Jun 16, 2022 |
| Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]      | D · MI        |      | Jun 16, 2022 |
| Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]         | D · CA        |      | Jun 16, 2022 |
| Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]         | D · MD        |      | Jun 16, 2022 |
| Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]       | D · MI        |      | Jun 16, 2022 |
| Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]    | D · MI        |      | Jun 16, 2022 |
| Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]         | D · CA        |      | Jun 16, 2022 |
| Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]     | D · PA        |      | Jun 17, 2022 |
| Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]     | D · OR        |      | Jun 17, 2022 |
| Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]       | D · NY        |      | Jun 17, 2022 |
| Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]    | D · MA        |      | Jun 17, 2022 |
| Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]       | D · CA        |      | Jun 17, 2022 |
| Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]         | D · MA        |      | Jun 21, 2022 |
| Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]        | D · CA        |      | Jun 21, 2022 |
| Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]        | D · CA        |      | Jun 21, 2022 |
| Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]             | D · CA        |      | Jun 22, 2022 |
| Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32] | D · CA        |      | Jun 22, 2022 |
| Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]    | D · RI        |      | Jun 23, 2022 |
| Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]        | D · CA        |      | Jul 1, 2022  |
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| Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]     | D · MA        |      | Jul 14, 2022 |

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| Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]              | D · IL        |      | Jul 18, 2022 |
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| Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]                          | D · CA        |      | Jul 20, 2022 |
| Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]                    | D · NJ        |      | Aug 16, 2022 |
| Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]                             | R · NE        |      | Sep 20, 2022 |
| Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]                 | R · WA        |      | Sep 20, 2022 |
| Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]                 | R · SC        |      | Sep 20, 2022 |
| Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]                       | R · IL        |      | Sep 21, 2022 |
| Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]                        | R · UT        |      | Sep 21, 2022 |
| Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]                            | R · MI        |      | Sep 21, 2022 |
| Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]                            | R · SC        |      | Sep 22, 2022 |
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| Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]                            | D · PA        |      | Sep 26, 2022 |
| Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]                       | D · PA        |      | Oct 4, 2022  |
| Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]                         | R · IL        |      | Oct 4, 2022  |
| Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]                     | D · TX        |      | Oct 4, 2022  |
| Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]                           | D · CA        |      | Oct 4, 2022  |
| Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]                         | D · CO        |      | Nov 30, 2022 |
| Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]                       | D · CT        |      | Nov 30, 2022 |
| Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]                     | D · PA        |      | Nov 30, 2022 |
| Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]                      | D · VA        |      | Nov 30, 2022 |
| Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]                 | R · FL        |      | Dec 1, 2022  |
| Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]                 | D · NY        |      | Dec 5, 2022  |
| Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large] | D · MP        |      | Dec 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]                       | D · NJ        |      | Dec 13, 2022 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
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| Judiciary Committee | House   | Referred to | Nov 1, 2022 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

| Bill         | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|--------------|----------------|--|
| 117 SJRES 21 | Identical bill | Jun 17, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |

## Summary (as of Jun 17, 2021)

This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude as a criminal punishment.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.