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H. R. 8422

To enact House Resolution 895, One Hundred Tenth Congress, (establishing the Office of Congressional Ethics), into permanent law.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2026

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself and Mr. HARRIGAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Clean Legislating and
5 Ethical Accountability Now Act” or the “CLEAN Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENACTING HOUSE RESOLUTION 895 INTO PERMA-**
2 **NENT LAW.**

3 House Resolution 895, One Hundred Tenth Con-
4 gress, is hereby enacted into permanent law, except that—

5 (1) the Office of Congressional Ethics shall be
6 treated as a standing committee of the House of
7 Representatives for purposes of section 202(i) of the
8 Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.
9 4301(i));

10 (2) references to the Committee on Standards
11 of Official Conduct shall be construed as references
12 to the Committee on Ethics;

13 (3) no person shall serve as a member of the
14 board for more than 4 2-year terms;

15 (4) a vacancy on the board shall be filled not
16 later than 60 calendar days after the date any such
17 vacancy occurs, including any vacancy that is the re-
18 sult of term limits;

19 (5) if a vacancy on the board is not filled pur-
20 suant to the deadline under paragraph (4), the
21 board shall not be prohibited from operating unless
22 there are fewer than 3 members on the board;

23 (6) any member of the board currently serving
24 a term in excess of the limitations under paragraph
25 (3) shall be removed from the board not later than
26 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act;

1 (7) any individual who is the subject of a pre-
2 liminary review or second-phase review by the board
3 shall be informed of the right to be represented by
4 counsel and invoking that right should not be held
5 negatively against them; and

6 (8) the Office may not take any action that
7 would deny any person any right or protection pro-
8 vided under the Constitution of the United States.

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