

MC #E
In the Model Congress
April 15th, 2021

Ms. Mauke (For herself and Ms. McCaffrey) introduce the following resolution:

A Constitutional Amendment

It is the purpose of this amendment to add procedures to the United States constitution to provide states with the ability to peacefully secede from the Union.

Whereas Texas v White (1868) establishes a precedent for the possibility of bilateral secession, and whereas there are currently no constitutional guidelines for a state's secession from the Union, and since multiple states have experienced secession movements in recent American history,

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives assembled that a 28th amendment be added to the constitution, setting up a process for states to be removed from the Union.

1 Section 2: The following definitions shall apply:

2 a) Permanent autonomous zone (PAZ)- territories such as seceded states that are not
3 regulated by any other government.

4 Section 3: Amendment XXVIII shall read as follows-

5 a) Section 1. States may be voluntarily expelled from the Union in the event that the state itself
6 and both houses of Congress vote to approve the secession.

7 i. States may not move forward with secession unless 2/3 of all eligible voters within
8 that state approve.

9 a) A statewide referendum will be organized and conducted by the current
10 state legislature to initiate the first step of secession.

11 ii. Upon approval from the state, Congress shall have the power to confirm or deny the
12 secession. A 3/4 vote from both houses will be required to finalize the second step.

13 b) Section 2. In the case that Congress wishes to forcibly remove a state from the Union without
14 prior state approval, a 3/4 vote from both houses will be required to move forward.

15 i. If a state does not wish to be forcibly removed, they shall have a 90-day objection
16 window to appeal to the Supreme Court, who will then decide if the state's removal is
17 justified.

18 c) Section 3. Seceded states will be regarded as permanent autonomous zones (PAZ) and may
19 govern however they see fit.

20 i. Seceded states will be referred to as their state name followed by "Autonomous
21 Zone" unless the territory is renamed by its new government.

22 d) Section 4. PAZ's will be allowed to place up to a 50% tariff on exported goods such as
23 energy, oil, agricultural and manufactured goods.

24 Section 4: This amendment will go into effect immediately after ratification by 3/4 of the state
25 legislatures.