



## **A Bill to resolve the political status when Puerto Rico so decides it.**

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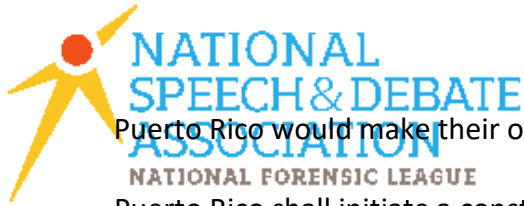
**SECTION 1.** Every two Puerto Rican presidential election cycles with an offset by two years a popular vote will be held in Puerto Rico and eligible voters shall decide whether the territory of Puerto Rico shall remain a commonwealth, start steps towards becoming a US state, or become an independent country. The option to vote on this will be on the same ballot as the general Puerto Rican election.

A) All eligible voters will be given a bilingual education pamphlet of what of the choices meant for the voters written in both Spanish and English.

**SECTION 2. Commonwealth-**For all intents and purposes, Puerto Rico's political status would remain as it is now, and the status quo will continue.

**US State-** Puerto Rico becoming a US state would entail full representation and be treated equally to other states, and it would entail starting the process of ingrainning Puerto Rico's political systems into the US.

**Independent Nation-** This would entail Puerto Rico becoming completely independent from the US, though it would not entail it cut all ties with the US, their laws would no longer be in accordance with the US.



Puerto Rico would make their own constitution. Before 30 days pass the President of Puerto Rico shall initiate a constitutional convention will

review all previously existing US laws and edit them in accordance with how they deem fit. After one year these amendments to laws shall submit their recommendations of amendments to the Puerto Rican congress for review. All governmental powers carried out in Puerto Rico shall be given to the Puerto Rican government.

**Eligible Voters-** residents of Puerto Rico who are otherwise qualified to vote in presidential elections in Puerto Rico.

**Section 3.** The US and Puerto Rican Elections Commissions along the shall oversee the methodology of providing the ballot, the funding, education pamphlets provided to the eligible voters, election security, and ballot efficiency. The Attorney general of the US shall review and oversee the management of these two commissions and will have the power to approve or deny the education pamphlets provided.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect this election cycle in 2026 and continue going in effect every two Puerto Rican presidential election cycles. If the Puerto Rican Public votes on a majority for change (independence or statehood) the change will be implemented over the next 8 years.

Funding for this referendum will be taken from the Puerto Rican election commission.



Funding for Integrating Puerto Rico into statehood will be taken from the research and development sectors of the US military after budget reevaluation.

**NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE**

If Puerto Rico decides to be independent, they will be granted a severance tie of 25 billion dollars, reallocated from the budget of the yearly research and development sections of the US department of defense.

**SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Capital City High School*

