

A Bill to Ban Congresspeople from Participating in the Stock Market

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All United States House of Representatives and Senate members are
2 hereby prohibited from participating in all domestic and international stock
3 exchanges. All Representatives and Senators currently in possession of
4 stock in any stock exchange are hereby required to sell such stocks
5 immediately.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions shall apply:
- 7 **A.** “Congresspeople” shall be defined as any current member of the
8 United States House of Representatives or Senate. To participate in the
9 stock market again, former congresspeople must be out of office for at
10 least 365 days.
- 11 **B.** “Stock Market” shall be defined as any and all domestic and
12 international stock exchanges including, but not limited to, the New
13 York Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq, the Euronext, and the Shanghai Stock
14 Exchange.
- 15 **C.** “Participating” shall be defined as the purchasing and/or selling of
16 stock within a stock exchange. This includes the action of
17 investing/participating in a mutual fund.
- 18 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Congressional Ethics shall oversee all parts of this legislation.
- 19 **A.** Discovered violators of this legislation will be immediately required to
20 sell their holdings and will be fined an amount equal to 2 times the
21 value of their holdings.
- 22 **B.** For every proceeding violation, the multiplier increases by 1.
- 23 **C.** When a violator is discovered, the OCE will immediately release a
24 report directed at that congressperson’s constituency.
- 25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this
26 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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