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To amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2007

Mr. AKIN (for himself, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. McKEON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. GOODE, Mr. HENSARLING, Mrs. MYRICK, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. PITTS, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. PENCE, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. HERGER, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SALI, Mr. BAKER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. STEARNS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. RENZI, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. FORTUÑO, Mr. WAMP, Mrs. EMERSON, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Pledge Protection Act
 5 of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON JURISDICTION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 99 of title 28, United
 8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 9 lowing:

10 **“§ 1632. Limitation on jurisdiction**

11 “(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), no court
 12 created by Act of Congress shall have any jurisdiction, and
 13 the Supreme Court shall have no appellate jurisdiction, to
 14 hear or decide any question pertaining to the interpreta-
 15 tion of, or the validity under the Constitution of, the
 16 Pledge of Allegiance, as defined in section 4 of title 4,
 17 or its recitation.

18 “(b) The limitation in subsection (a) does not apply
 19 to—

20 “(1) any court established by Congress under
 21 its power to make needful rules and regulations re-
 22 specting the territory of the United States; or

23 “(2) the Superior Court of the District of Co-
 24 lumbia or the District of Columbia Court of Ap-
 25 peals;”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of chapter 99 of title 28, United States
3 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
4 item:

“1632. Limitation on jurisdiction.”.

5 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 This Act and the amendments made by this Act take
7 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and apply
8 to any case that—

9 (1) is pending on such date of enactment; or

10 (2) is commenced on or after such date of en-
11 actment.

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