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H. R. 6426

To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a 2 year prohibition on employment in a career civil service position for any former political appointee, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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. TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT**
4 **OF POLITICAL APPOINTEES IN CAREER CIVIL**
5 **SERVICE POSITIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 31 of title
7 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
8 the following:

1 **“§ 3115. Employment of former political appointees;**
2 **restrictions**

3 “(a) An individual occupying a political position in
4 the civil service may not be appointed to a career position
5 in the civil service during the period of 2 years imme-
6 diately following the date the individual separates from
7 such political position.

8 “(b) In this section—

9 “(1) the term ‘political position’ means—

10 “(A) a position which has been excepted
11 from the competitive service by reason of its
12 confidential, policy-determining, policy-making,
13 or policy-advocating character; or

14 “(B) a position in the Senior Executive
15 Service as a limited term appointee, limited
16 emergency appointee, or noncareer appointee
17 (as those terms are defined in paragraphs (5),
18 (6), and (7), respectively, of section 3132(a));
19 and

20 “(2) the term ‘career position’ means—

21 “(A) a position in the competitive service;
22 or

23 “(B) a position in the the Senior Executive
24 Service as a career appointee (as that term is
25 defined in section 3132(a)(4)).”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 of chapter 31 of title 5, United States Code, is amended
3 by adding after the item relating to section 3114 the fol-
4 lowing:

“3115. Employment of former political appointees; restrictions.”.

5 (c) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
6 section (a) shall apply to any individual who separates
7 from a political position (as that term is defined in section
8 3115 of title 5, United States Code, as added by such sub-
9 section) after the date of enactment of this Act.

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