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To amend the Federal Reserve Act to prohibit dual appointments of certain employees of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VARGAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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 “Fed Integrity and
5 Independence Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The independence of the Federal Reserve
9 System from political interference from the Presi-

1 dent is fundamental to the effective operation of the
2 central bank.

3 (2) Congress structured the Federal Reserve
4 System to ensure that its monetary policy decisions
5 focus on achieving long-run goals and do not become
6 subject to political pressures from the President that
7 could lead to undesirable outcomes.

8 (3) To protect this independence, Congress
9 made it so members of the Board of Governors of
10 the Federal Reserve System are appointed for stag-
11 gered 14-year terms, and the Chairman of the Board
12 of Governors is appointed for a four-year term.

13 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
14 gress that it is not appropriate for any employee appointed
15 by the President—whether they are on leave or not—to
16 serve as a member of the Board of Governors of the Fed-
17 eral Reserve System.

18 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF DUAL APPOINTMENT.**

19 (a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—The fourth sentence of
20 the first undesignated paragraph of section 10 of the Fed-
21 eral Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 241) is amended by striking
22 “business of the Board and shall each receive” and insert-
23 ing “business of the Board, may not simultaneously hold
24 any other office, position, or employment for which the
25 member is appointed by the President, including under a

1 leave of absence from such other office, position, or em-
2 ployment, and shall each receive”.

3 (b) FEDERAL RESERVE BANK PRESIDENTS; FIRST
4 VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF
5 NEW YORK.—The fifth subparagraph of the fourth undes-
6 ignated paragraph of section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act
7 (12 U.S.C. 341) is amended—

8 (1) by inserting after the second sentence (re-
9 lating to presidents of Federal reserve banks) the
10 following: “A president of the bank may not simulta-
11 neously hold any other office, position, or employ-
12 ment for which the president is appointed by the
13 President, including under a leave of absence from
14 such other office, position, or employment.”; and

15 (2) by inserting after the third sentence (relat-
16 ing to first vice presidents of Federal reserve banks)
17 the following: “The first vice president of the Fed-
18 eral Reserve Bank of New York may not simulta-
19 neously hold any other office, position, or employ-
20 ment for which the first vice president is appointed
21 by the President, including under a leave of absence
22 from such other office, position, or employment.”.

23 (c) RULE OF APPLICATION.—An individual serving
24 as a governor of the Board of Governors of the Federal
25 Reserve System, the president of a Federal reserve bank,

1 or the first vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank
2 of New York on the date of enactment of this Act and
3 who is ineligible to serve in such position due to the
4 amendments made by this section are hereby terminated
5 from such position on the date of enactment of this Act.

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