

**ANNEX 1A**

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**CREATING SIX NEW  
AMERICAN DIASPORA DELEGATES  
IN THE  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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***Draft Legislative Language***

**H.R. \_\_\_\_\_**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
111<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2009**

M. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Administration

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**A BILL**

To create the offices of Delegates for the American Diaspora.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**Section 1. Short Title.**

This Act may be cited as the "American Diaspora Representation in the Congress Act of 2009".

**Section 2. Creation of Office of Delegate for the American Diaspora in the U.S. House of Representatives.**

United States citizens residing outside the United States shall be represented in Congress by six nonvoting Delegates to the House of Representatives (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Delegates"), who shall be elected in accordance with this Act.

**THREE EASY STEPS TOWARD GREATER AMERICAN PROSPERITY  
A PROPOSAL OF THE OVERSEAS AMERICAN ACADEMY**

***Section 3. Qualifications of Electors; Commencement of Term of Office.***

(a) Qualification of Electors. - The Delegates shall be elected by citizens described in section 107(5) (B) or (C) of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6(5) (B) or (C)) who have the right to register absentee for, and to vote by, an absentee ballot in Federal elections under such Act. Qualified electors who exercise the right to vote for the Delegate from Overseas shall not be required to relinquish the right to vote for the offices in the House of Representatives specified in section 107(3) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6(3)).

(b) Commencement of Term of Office. - The term of the Delegates shall commence on the third day of January following the date of the election.

***Section 4. Qualifications of Delegates.***

To be eligible for the office of Delegate, a candidate shall -

- (1) be at least 25 years of age on the date of the election;
- (2) not be, on the date of the election, a candidate for any other office;
- (3) have been a citizen of the United States for at least seven years prior to the date of the election;
- (4) have resided outside the United States for the six-month period ending on the date of the election; and
- (5) be qualified to vote for the office of Delegate under section 2(a).

***Section 5. Presidential Commission.***

A three-member commission, appointed by the President, shall determine the procedures and regulations for the elections to the office of Delegate, the method by which a special election to fill a vacancy in such office shall be conducted, the method by which ties between candidates for such office shall be resolved, the order of names on the ballot for such office, and all other matters pertaining to the office of Delegate not otherwise provided for in this Act.

***Section 6. Compensation of Delegate.***

Until the Rules of the House of Representatives are amended to provide otherwise, the Delegates shall receive the same compensation, allowances, and benefits as a Member of the House of Representatives, and shall be entitled to whatever privileges and immunities that are, or hereafter may be, granted to the Delegate from Guam.

***Section 7. Definition.***

As used in this Act, the term "United States", when used in the geographical sense, has the meaning given such term in section 107 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (2 U.S.C. 1973ff-6).

***Section 8. Effective Date.***

This Act shall apply with respect to elections beginning with the first general election held after the year in which this Act is enacted.



**ANNEX 1B**

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**CREATING TWO NEW  
AMERICAN DIASPORA DELEGATES  
IN THE U.S. SENATE**  
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**Section 2. Creation of Office of Delegate for the American Diaspora in the U.S. Senate.**

United States citizens residing outside the United States shall be represented in Congress by two nonvoting Delegates to the Senate (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Delegates"), who shall be elected in accordance with this Act.

**THREE EASY STEPS TOWARD GREATER AMERICAN PROSPERITY  
A PROPOSAL OF THE OVERSEAS AMERICAN ACADEMY**

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(b) Commencement of Term of Office. - The term of the Delegates shall commence on the third day of January following the date of the election.

***Section 4. Qualifications of Delegates.***

To be eligible for the office of Delegate, a candidate shall -

- (6) be at least 30 years of age on the date of the election;
- (7) not be, on the date of the election, a candidate for any other office;
- (8) have been a citizen of the United States for at least nine years prior to the date of the election;
- (9) have resided outside the United States for the six-month period ending on the date of the election; and
- (10) be qualified to vote for the office of Delegate under section 2(a).

***Section 5. Presidential Commission.***

A three-member commission, appointed by the President, shall determine the procedures and regulations for the elections to the office of Delegate, the method by which a special election to fill a vacancy in such office shall be conducted, the method by which ties between candidates for such office shall be resolved, the order of names on the ballot for such office, and all other matters pertaining to the office of Delegate not otherwise provided for in this Act.

***Section 6. Compensation of Delegate.***

Until the Rules of the Senate are amended to provide otherwise, the Delegates shall receive the same compensation, allowances, and benefits as a Member of the Senate, and shall be entitled to whatever privileges and immunities that are, or hereafter may be, granted to the Senators from Kentucky.

***Section 7. Definition.***

As used in this Act, the term "United States", when used in the geographical sense, has the meaning given such term in section 107 of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (2 U.S.C. 1973ff-6).

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