

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1

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Page 274, line 14, insert “**and Self-determination**” before “**Rights**”.

Page 274, line 16, insert “**AND SELF-DETERMINATION**” before “**RIGHTS**”.

Page 275, after line 12, insert the following:

1 (6) Residents of the territories should be pro-
2 vided the ability to participate in elections that em-
3 brace constitutional principles while accommodating
4 unique perspectives related to culture, language, the
5 judicial and public education systems, taxes, and
6 United States citizenship.

7 (7) Democratic practices should allow, when ap-
8 plicable, self-determination options in the territories.

Page 275, line 14, insert “**AND SELF-DETERMINATION**” after “**RIGHTS**”.

Page 275, line 19, insert “and Self-Determination” after “rights”.

Page 279, line 6, insert “, and lack of self-determination options,” after “disenfranchisement”.

Page 279, line 12, insert “, or other elections otherwise designed to provide alternative self-determination options in the territories” after “United States”.

Page 279, line 16, insert “, or other representation otherwise possible under alternative self-determination options in such territories” after “United States”.

Page 279, line 22, insert “, or provide alternative full and equal voting rights otherwise possible under self-determination options for such territories” after “United States”.

Page 280, line 2, strike “; and” and insert “, or preservation of full and equal voting rights under self-determination options in such territories;”.

Page 280, after line 2, insert the following:

1 (6) shall have the authority to study, make
2 findings, and develop recommendations regarding
3 the different self-determination options on constitu-
4 tional issues and policies related to culture, lan-
5 guage, the judicial and public education systems,
6 taxes, and United States citizenship; and

Page 280, line 3, strike “(6)” and insert “(7)”.

Page 380, after line 22, insert the following:

1 (m) CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN VIEWS.—The con-
2 sensus views or dissenting views shall, at minimum, in-
3 clude alternative full and equal voting rights under self-
4 determination options for such territories.

5 (n) DEFINITIONS.—The term “self-determination”
6 means the free determination of political status and free
7 pursuit economic, social and cultural development, con-
8 sistent with the International Covenant on Civil and Polit-
9 ical Rights.

