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2D SESSION

H. R. 7592

To direct the Librarian of Congress to promote the more cost-effective, efficient, and expanded availability of the Annotated Constitution and pocket-part supplements by replacing the hardbound versions with digital versions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2024

Mrs. BICE (for herself, Mr. CAREY, Mr. KILMER, and Mr. MORELLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REPEAL REQUIREMENT FOR CONGRESSIONAL**
2 **RESEARCH SERVICE TO PREPARE ANNO-**
3 **TATED CONSTITUTION AND SUPPLEMENTS IN**
4 **HARDBOUND VERSION.**

5 (a) REPEAL.—The first section of Public Law 91–
6 589 (2 U.S.C. 168) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “the Librarian of Congress” and
8 inserting “(a) subject to subsection (b), the Librar-
9 ian of Congress”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(b)(1) Upon the completion of the October 2031
13 term of the Supreme Court and upon the completion of
14 each tenth October term of the Supreme Court thereafter,
15 the Librarian of Congress shall have prepared a digital
16 decennial revised edition of the Constitution Annotated,
17 which shall contain annotations of all decisions theretofore
18 rendered by the Supreme Court construing provisions of
19 the Constitution, in place of the hardbound decennial re-
20 vised edition of the Constitution Annotated described in
21 subsection (a)(3).

22 “(2) Upon the completion of the October 2023 term
23 of the Supreme Court and upon the completion of each
24 subsequent October term of the Supreme Court beginning
25 in an odd-numbered year (the final digit of which is not
26 a 1), the Librarian shall have prepared a digital cumu-

1 lative pocket-part supplement to the most recent decennial
2 revised edition of the Constitution Annotated, which shall
3 contain cumulative annotations of all such decisions ren-
4 dered by the Supreme Court which were not included in
5 the most recent revised edition of the Constitution Anno-
6 tated, in place of the hardbound editions of the cumulative
7 pocket-part supplement described in subsection (a)(4).”.

8 (b) ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF DIGITAL
9 VERSIONS.—Section 2 of Public Law 91–589 (2 U.S.C.
10 168a) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “All hardbound” and inserting
12 “(a) All hardbound”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
14 section:

15 “(b)(1) The digital decennial revised editions of the
16 Constitution Annotated prepared under subsection (b)(1)
17 of the first section of this Joint Resolution and the digital
18 cumulative pocket-part supplements prepared under sub-
19 section (b)(2) of the first section of this Joint Resolution
20 shall be available at a public website of the Library of Con-
21 gress.

22 “(2) The Librarian of Congress shall ensure the con-
23 tinuing availability of the documents referred to in para-
24 graph (1) to Congress and the public.”.

1 (c) REPEAL OF ADDITIONAL PRINTING REQUIRE-
2 MENTS.—

3 (1) MANDATORY PRINTING OF ADDITIONAL
4 COPIES.—Section 3 of Public Law 91–589 (2 U.S.C.
5 168b) is amended—

6 (A) by striking “There shall be printed”
7 and inserting “(a) There shall be printed”; and

8 (B) by adding at the end the following new
9 subsection:

10 “(b) Subsection (a) does not apply after completion
11 of the October 2023 term of the Supreme Court, and the
12 Librarian of Congress shall provide the decennial revised
13 editions of the Constitution Annotated and the cumulative
14 pocket part supplements prepared under this Joint Reso-
15 lution exclusively in a digital format available at a public
16 website of the Library of Congress.”.

17 (2) PRINTING OF ADDITIONAL COPIES PURSU-
18 ANT TO CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.—Section 4 of
19 Public Law 91–589 (2 U.S.C. 168c) is repealed.

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