

# **Congress Drafts Puerto Rico Status Act**



Members of the United States House and Senate are drafting a new Puerto Rico Status Act in an attempt for Puerto Rico statehood, or another status, to gain more traction on Capitol Hill than the Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act.

The Puerto Rico Status Act would allow Puerto Rico's residents to vote on 3 different options: statehood, sovereignty in free association with the United States, and independence. The island's current territorial status is not one of the options that would be on the ballot.

The new bill would set a vote to take place on November 5, 2023, and if no option gains a majority vote, then a runoff election would take place in March of 2024.

Regarding the Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) stands opposed to the bill, and has gone on record by stating, "I don't agree with them, I'm not going to support their [Puerto Rico] statehood bill." This bill has gained no traction in the U.S. Senate.

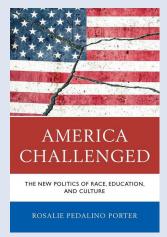
ProEnglish Board of Directors Chair Dr. Rosalie Porter has stated that "any legislative attempt by the island to become the 51st state must stipulate that English become its primary official language of the government, courts, and school system."

Dr. Porter added: "Let's remember that the 2011 recommendations from President Barack Obama's Task Force on Puerto Rico's Status says that if the U.S. commonwealth ever applies for statehood, Congress has ultimate authority over admission and English must play a central role in the daily life of the island. At a minimum, we believe a large majority must become fluent in English for statehood to be even considered."

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Dr. Rosalie Porter, the Chairwoman of the ProEnglish Board of Directors, has written a new book entitled, "America Challenged: The New Politics Of Race, Education, And Culture."

In this new book, Dr. Porter examines how social change and cultural division in America have accelerated in this century and further intensified with the Covid-19 pandemic, the George Floyd incident, and the two most recent presidential elections. Americans are under extreme pressure, and are grappling with upheavals over race, education, economic structure, crime, immigration, and foreign policy. Today's discourse has fractured and polarized us. There is no longer a consensus on how to disagree in public.

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# **Constitution Party Supports Official English**



The Constitution Party platform includes support for official English and opposition to bilingual ballots. The Constitution Party platform specifically states:

"We oppose bilingual ballots. We insist that those who wish to take part in the electoral process and governance of this nation be required to read and comprehend basic English as a precondition of citizenship. We support English as the official language for all governmental business by the United States."

### Rep. Gus Bilirakis Is Newest Cosponsor Of The English Language Unity Act





Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) is the newest cosponsor of H.R.997, the English Language Unity Act, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Along with Rep. Louie Gohmert's (R-TX) main sponsorship of H.R. 997 in the 117th Congress, the following members of the House all have joined Rep. Bilirakis as cosponsors of the bill:

Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX); Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-SC); Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ); Rep. Steven Palazzo (R-MS); Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA); Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY); Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC); Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL); Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-WI); Rep. Jody Hice (R-GA); Rep. Bob Good (R-VA); Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA); Rep. Rick Allen (R-GA); Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX); Rep. Alex Mooney (R-WV); Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL); Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN); Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE); Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA); Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL); Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH); Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL); Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX); Rep. Michael Guest (R-MS); Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA); Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-NC); Rep. Mary Miller (R-IL); Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL).

The English Language Unity Act has been filed to "declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under Article I, Section 8, of the Constitution."

The passage of official English legislation in H.R. 997 in the House, as well as in S. 678 in the Senate, will save Americans billions of dollars in current, government-mandated translation and interpretation costs, and also will encourage cultural and linguistic integration by new arrivals to our nation.

#### Official English Supporter John Boozman Wins Arkansas Primary



Sen. John Boozman (R-AR), the most recent cosponsor of S.678, the English Language Unity Act, in the United States Senate, recently won his Republican Senate primary race in Arkansas.

S.678 in the 117th Congress, the following members of the U.S. Senate all have joined Sen. Boozman as cosponsors of the bill:

Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND); Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD); Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS); Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS); Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN); Sen. John Boozman (R-AR).

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- President Theodore Roosevelt

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