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Official English As A 2022 Midterm Issue



Official English legislation has the potential to emerge as a very important issue in the 2022 midterm elections.

ProEnglish has been in daily contact with members of Congress and with candidates for Congress in an effort to publicize, promote, and build support for passage of the English Language Unity Act in both the U.S. House (H.R.997) and the U.S. Senate (S.678). The bill designates English as the nation's official language of governmental operations and establishes a uniform language requirement for the citizen naturalization process.

Passage of the English Language Unity Act in Congress would save Americans billions of dollars every year in current, government-mandated translation and interpretation costs, and also would encourage cultural and linguistic integration by new arrivals to our nation.

ProEnglish also is supporting official English efforts in various states across the nation as we seek to add to the list of 32 states across the USA that already have passed official English legislation.

Please be sure to ask your candidates about their level of support for the English Language Unity Act and for official English legislation at the state level, and please support ProEnglish as we strive to make official English a key issue in the November 2022 midterm elections!

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ProEnglish Investigates Multilingual Ballots



ProEnglish is investigating multilingual ballots in advance of the 2022 midterm elections.

Foreign-language ballots will be available in around 30 different states in November.

The spread of foreign language voting materials and ballots potentially opens the door to voter manipulation and election fraud.

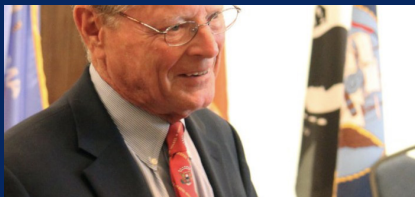
Counties all across the USA are paying hundreds of thousands and sometimes even millions of taxpayer-funded dollars to provide multilingual ballots. There are more than 3,000 counties or county equivalents in the entire USA, and it is easy to see that there is the potential for hundreds of millions of dollars to be spent nationwide on multilingual ballots in the 2022 midterm elections, and the entire cost will be borne by already over-burdened American taxpayers.

In an era of massive government deficits at all levels, it is outrageous and fiscally irresponsible for states and counties to break the backs of American taxpayers by forcing them to pay for costly multilingual ballots. It also is very important to remember that voters who do not speak or understand English always have the option to bring interpreters with them into the voting booth.

Former Boston University President Dr. John Silber, in his 1996 testimony to Congress, stated that multilingual ballots “impose an unacceptable cost by degrading the very concept of the citizen to that of someone lost in a country whose public discourse is incomprehensible to him.”

Former United States President Theodore Roosevelt stated, “We have but one flag; we must also learn one language, and that language is English.”

Official English More Popular Than Puerto Rico Status Act In U.S. Senate



The English Language Unity Act (S.678) is more popular than the Puerto Rico Status Act (S.4560) in the U.S. Senate. Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS) introduced the Puerto Rico Status Act in the U.S. Senate. To date, it has attracted 0 cosponsors. Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK) introduced the English Language Unity Act in the U.S. Senate. To date, it has attracted 6 additional cosponsors in addition to Sen. Inhofe.

The Puerto Rico Status Act would allow Puerto Rico’s residents to vote on 4 different options: independence, sovereignty in free association with the United States, statehood, or continuing as a commonwealth.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) opposed the prior Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act and stated, “I don’t agree with them, I’m not going to support their [Puerto Rico] statehood bill.”

ProEnglish has worked very closely with Sen. Inhofe to gain more cosponsors of the English Language Unity Act in the Senate, and also to potentially include it as an amendment in a larger budget resolution or immigration bill.

ProEnglish Board of Directors Chairwoman and President 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.”

Just 2 States Offer Driver's License Exams Only In English



Just 2 states out of 50 in the USA now offer their driver's license exams only in English.

The 2 states that offer their driver's license exams only in English are South Dakota and Wyoming.

The 48 other states offer their driver's license exams in a wide variety of other languages beyond English.

California is the state that offers its driver's license exams in the most languages, as it has 32 different language options available. Massachusetts ranks 2nd by offering its driver's license exams in 26 different languages.

ProEnglish Engages Media At Washington Event



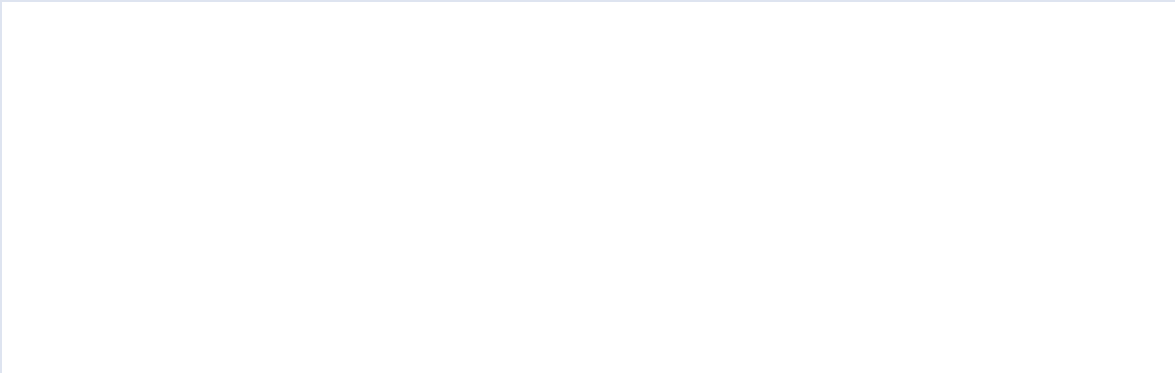
ProEnglish participated in the recent Federation for American Immigration Reform ("FAIR") "Hold Their Feet to the Fire" Radio Row event in Washington, DC.

ProEnglish engaged media from all across the nation about the urgent need for official English legislation to adopt English as the official language at all levels of government.

ProEnglish discussed support for passage of the English Language Unity Act in Congress, official English legislation at the state level, advocacy for English language immersion classes instead of bilingual education in public schools, and a recent ProEnglish poll showing that 80% of Americans support making English the official language of the USA.

ProEnglish also met with several members of Congress at the FAIR Radio Row event in order to recruit more cosponsors of the English Language Unity Act in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

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