

## **1. Heading (Title Block)**

H.B. No. \_\_, S.B. No. \_\_

This bill would be introduced by \_\_

119th Congress, 2026 - 2027

## **2. The title (Caption)**

An Act relating to the way government shutdowns are handled by stopping them altogether.

## **3. Enacting Clause**

BE IT ENACTED BY FEDERAL LEGISLATION

## **4. Body of the Bill (Sections)**

Section 1: This Act may be cited as the "No Government Shutdowns Act." Section 2: This legislation is necessary as everyone in the United States is affected by these shutdowns. With no action in the near future, only more people will be affected, meaning this will continue to grow into a bigger issue. Administrations alone cannot handle this issue effectively, which is why legislation is needed.

Section 3: Shutdowns pertain to those enacted by Congress. Shutdowns are still possible within states themselves.

Section 4: When Congress cannot agree on how funds are dispersed, the previous funding system (which was previously agreed on) will continue, and thus, no services will be shut down. Only when Congress can agree on a new system will it be replaced. Until then, everything runs as normal.

Section 5: This implementation falls on Congress, as this issue is federal. **5.**

## **Analysis of Your Research**

A common thing seen when looking into the effects of these shutdowns is, for one, services and benefits for people being disrupted. These disruptions create unstable situations for many as their consistent routine is now disrupted. The economy being affected negatively is also a common thing, as with many services being stopped, money and supplies from those services do the same. This creates a situation where the economy gets less money. If these shutdowns continue, these losses will only continue to accumulate. For instance, because of the most recent government shutdown, there is an estimated \$7 billion lost in this upcoming year. When you add these shutdowns up, it will only continue to go higher and higher. As I said previously, many are affected. This includes departments of education, infrastructure, national parks, and more. This doesn't include people and families within society. Currently, the system is flawed. If Congress does not agree on where funds are allocated, it leads to services being stopped until that is no longer the case. And with Democrats and Republicans being more political than ever, shutdowns have a higher chance to occur and a higher chance to last, with the most recent shutdown being a record-setting 43 days. Ultimately, agreements are difficult, and it's unfair to expect this outcome constantly. It's just unfortunate that our current policy creates a situation where the consequences of disagreement are disastrous. That is why something needs to change.

#### **6. A description of its bipartisan appeal**

As I've mentioned previously, this issue affects everyone. This includes Democrats, Republicans, moderates, etc. Everyone wants this issue fixed, and it's time that happens. With this bill, the economy will benefit from losses being avoided. Those financial losses will now become positives and thus can be used for the good of everyone. Services are likely to thrive as they won't have something shutting them down. Things are likely to stay consistent and overall,

it'll be better for everyone that lives in the United States.

## **7. Procedural/Administrative Provisions**

Severability Clause: If no government shutdowns are found unconstitutional, the Act will not be enacted.

Effective Clause: This Act takes effect on July 1, 2026

Repealer Clause: As there are no current laws that repeal this act, this would not apply. This only takes place when it comes to Congress not being able to agree on the funding.

## **8. Summary/Digest**

In all, with the "No Government Shutdowns Act," everything would run as usual with the only change coming when Congress isn't able to agree on where funds are allocated. Instead of a shutdown happening, the previously agreed upon system of funds would run as usual until a new funding system is agreed upon. When this happens, the new system will then replace the old.

This would result in shutdowns no longer happening anymore and less people being affected as a result.

## **9. Arguments For**

FOR:

- Shutdown being eliminated altogether
- Services such as national parks, education, etc., no longer being affected
- The economy is no longer impacted negatively with less funds being lost

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