

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 5291

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Ms. TITUS (for herself and Mr. SIMPSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Democracy in Design  
5       Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING INVESTIGATION AND SURVEY OF PUB-**  
2 **LIC BUILDINGS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3303 of title 40, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(e) GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR FEDERAL ARCHITEC-  
7 TURE.—The Administrator shall ensure that the construc-  
8 tion and acquisition of public buildings in the United  
9 States adheres to the principles described in the report  
10 titled ‘Guiding Principles for Federal Architecture’ and  
11 published by the Ad Hoc Committee on Federal Office  
12 Space on June 1, 1962.”.

13 (b) RULEMAKING.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
15 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-  
16 trator of General Services shall issue such regula-  
17 tions as are necessary to implement the amendment  
18 made by this Act and to establish minimum stand-  
19 ards by which the Administrator shall construct and  
20 acquire public buildings in the United States.

21 (2) NOTICE AND COMMENT.—The regulations  
22 required under paragraph (1) shall be issued after  
23 notice and an opportunity for public comment in ac-  
24 cordance with the procedure applicable to sub-

1       stantive rules under section 553 of title 5, United  
2       States Code.

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