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To amend titles 5, 18, and 40, United States Code, to prohibit the renaming of Federal property except through a provision of law enacted by Congress, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LIEU introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Congressional Author-
5 ization for Federal Building Names Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RENAMING OF FEDERAL PROP-**
2 **ERTY.**

3 (a) RENAMING FEDERAL PROPERTY.—Chapter 3 of
4 title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new section:

6 **“§ 307. Renaming of Federal property**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Federal property may not be re-
8 named or redesignated except through a provision of law
9 enacted by Congress that expressly renames or redesign-
10 nates such property.

11 “(b) FEDERAL PROPERTY DEFINED.—In this sec-
12 tion, the term ‘Federal property’ means any feature (in-
13 cluding a geographic or administrative feature), building
14 (including a public building as defined in section 3301 of
15 title 40), or other real property or interest in real prop-
16 erty—

17 “(1) administered by a Federal agency; and

18 “(2) the name of which is designated or other-
19 wise assigned by Federal statute”.

20 (b) MALICIOUS MISCHIEF.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 65 of title 18,
22 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
23 end the following new section:

1 **“§ 1370. Displaying incorrect name on Federal prop-**
2 **erty**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any covered officer or employee
4 who willfully displays an incorrect name of a unit of Fed-
5 eral property on such property or renames a unit of Fed-
6 eral property without prior statutory authorization shall
7 be subject to the following:

8 “(1) If the damage or attempted damage to
9 such property exceeds the sum of \$1,000, a fine
10 under this title or imprisonment for not more than
11 ten years, or both.

12 “(2) If the damage or attempted damage to
13 such property does not exceed the sum of \$1,000, a
14 fine under this title or by imprisonment for not more
15 than one year, or both.

16 “(b) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—An action under
17 subsection (a) shall be commenced not later than 10 years
18 after the date on which the violation occurs.

19 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 “(1) COVERED OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE.—The
21 term ‘covered officer or employee’ means an officer
22 or employee of the Federal Government that is po-
23 litically appointed, including an officer or employee
24 appointed to or acting in a position that requires
25 Senate confirmation.

1 “(2) FEDERAL PROPERTY.—The term ‘Federal
2 property’ has the meaning given the term in section
3 307 of title 5.”.

4 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
5 by paragraph (1) shall take effect on January 1,
6 2027.

7 (c) NAMING OR DESIGNATING BUILDINGS.—Section
8 3102 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by strik-
9 ing “regardless of whether it was previously named by
10 statute” and inserting “unless such building was pre-
11 viously named by statute”.

12 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) The table of sections for chapter 3 of part
14 I of title 5, United States Code, is amended by add-
15 ing at the end the following new item:

 “307. Renaming of Federal property.”.

16 (2) The table of sections for chapter 65 of part
17 I of title 18, United States Code, is amended by
18 adding at the end the following new item:

 “1370. Displaying incorrect name on Federal property.”.