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# Sixty fifth Congress of the United States of America

## AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Saturday, the twentieth day of January, two thousand and eighteen*

*Presented at the City of Washington on Friday, the fifteenth day of June, two thousand and eighteen*

## An Act

To further encourage integrity in the Office of President.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; SEVERABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATE

(a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the “Presidential Integrity Act of 2018.”

(b) Severability.—All sections, sentences, phrases, and words of this Act shall be severable, such that if any are held to be unconstitutional, the remainder may continue in effect.

(c) This Act shall take effect on July 20, 2018.

### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

(a) In General.—As used in this act—

(1) The term “PIA session” refers to any joint meeting of Congress convened for the purpose of receiving a report under section 4 of this Act or receiving testimony under section 5 of this Act, or both.

(2) The term “accomplishments” includes any substantive achievement or activity done by the President’s administration that benefits the public, the workforce, the private sector, foreign relations, or the rule of law.

(3) The term “setbacks” includes any action done by the President’s administration, domestically or globally, that resulted in harm to the public, the workforce, the private sector, foreign relations, or the rule of law.

(4) The term “unduly intrusive” refers to a question which, if answered truthfully by the President, would jeopardize national security, or the answer to which is otherwise privileged.

**SEC. 3. BIWEEKLY OVERVIEW.**

(a) Biweekly Reports.—Every two weeks, the President shall provide a joint meeting of Congress an overview, by writing or in person, of his Administration’s key accomplishments and setbacks in the preceding two weeks; he may elect to provide additional information as he deems appropriate.

**SEC. 4. QUESTIONING.**

(a) Biweekly Engagement.—Every two weeks, the President shall submit to questioning by a joint meeting of Congress and shall truthfully answer all questions. The President may object to any question he believes is unduly intrusive and the meeting’s presiding officer shall order that the question be deferred regardless of his or Congress’s views on whether it is a sound objection.

(b) Procedure on Deferred Questions.—If the President defers a question, he shall nonetheless be required to submit in writing an answer to Congress within ten days unless—

(1) he petitioned the Supreme Court under Article III, §4 of the Constitution for invalidation of the question because it is unconstitutional or unduly intrusive (and, therefore, unlawful), whereupon the answer period shall be automatically tolled until a judgment by the Supreme Court or denial of certiorari; or

(2) the Congress adopts a concurrent resolution sustaining the President’s objection and excusing him from answering.

**SEC. 5. PIA SESSION.**

(a) Presiding Officer.—In the absence of the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall preside over all PIA sessions unless he is unable, in which case the Speaker of the House shall preside; if none of the three can, Congress shall provide by concurrent resolution for a presiding officer.

(b) Procedure on Questioning.—The presiding officer under subsection 5(a) of this Act shall make a reasonable effort to allow all Members of Congress present to ask questions of the President.