

[SAMPLE BILL]

[Your bill needs to be in the format as it appears in this sample bill. Obviously replace the any text within the Brackets "[] ", with the your own information (also delete the brackets along with the top portion of this sample bill you are now reading). The information in the brackets is given as a guide for writing your bill. Also be sure to study the example bill provided in this packet]

8th CONGRESS
2nd SESSION

H.R. _____

TIMPANOGOS

Entitled [Place the Title of your bill here] ACT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

[October 25, 2008]

[Mr. McCain, Ms Clinton, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Watson, Ms Pelosi] introduce the following bill;

A BILL [or "A RESOLUTION, or "AN AMENDMENT"]

Entitled [Title of your bill here] Act

Short Title: [Place your short title here. The short title is a brief summary of the bill, capturing the main argument you wish to make. You do not want a lot of detail here, just give the main purpose of the bill and the most important provisions. It should be no more than a paragraph.]

BE IT ENACTED [or "BE IT RESOLVED" or "BE IT AMENDED"] by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of American in Congress assembled.

Section 1: [Writing a bill gives you a formal and fun way to speak up about what you think U.S. policy should be. If you were a real congressman, what kind of policy would you want to see enacted? What kinds of bills would you write? What do want the government to accomplish? This first paragraph should be a general statement giving some context to your bill.]

Section 2: [Be sure that you clearly state the purpose of the bill. Really, a bill should be something like a persuasive essay in that you are trying to convince the reader of a particular of point view. Include important details and, if applicable, a description of how you intend the law to be carried out. For instance, you may want to consider the following: How will it be enforced? What penalties will be faced for violations of your law? Jail time or fines? Do you want to appropriate money? Etc.]

Subsection a: [include sections and subsections as needed to organize the substance of your bill.]

Section 3: [Consider whether your bill is constitutional or not. For example, is your bill giving power to the federal government where it should be a state power, or vice versa? Or is your bill in violation of some specific provision of the Constitution? If your bill were to become law, could it be challenged in the courts?]

Section 4: [Where appropriate, include facts, figures, and statistics where applicable]

Section 5: [Common mistakes in writing bills:]

Subsection a: [The bill is poorly written, or the wording is unclear and vague]

Subsection b: [Provisions of the bill are either too extreme or too simple, or cannot be carried out as a practical matter]