

## **Proposed Amendment XXVIII to the Constitution of the United States**

**Section 1. Interpretive Standard for the Constitution and Laws.** The judicial Power of the United States, vested by Article III, shall be limited to interpreting the Constitution and all Laws made in Pursuance thereof based on the original public meaning of the text at the time of its ratification or enactment. This meaning shall be derived from the common understanding of the text by the electorate who ratified it, and no other meaning shall be imposed.

**Section 2. Supremacy of Text in Statutory Interpretation.** In interpreting any Act of Congress, the courts shall rely solely upon the text of the statute itself. No committee reports, floor debates, statements of legislators, or other forms of legislative history shall be used to ascertain the meaning of the text.

**Section 3. Stare Decisis and Constitutional Error.** No court shall be bound by any prior precedent interpreting the Constitution of the United States that is demonstrably at odds with the original public meaning of the constitutional text. All such erroneous precedents are hereby declared to be a nullity and without legal force.

**Section 4. Standards for Judicial Nomination.** The President shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Judges of the Supreme Court and inferior Courts who have a demonstrated and public record of commitment to the interpretive standards set forth in this Article. The Senate shall consider such commitment a principal qualification for appointment.

**Section 5. Enforcement.** The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.