

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 973

To amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent the misuse of foreign law in Federal courts, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2011

Mrs. ADAMS (for herself, Mr. POSEY, Mr. AKIN, Mr. COBLE, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. CARTER, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. FLORES, Mr. ISSA, Mr. PENCE, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. FORBES, Mr. MARINO, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mrs. BLACK, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. COLE, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. PAUL, Mr. REED, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. ROONEY, and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. USE OF FOREIGN LAW IN FEDERAL COURTS.**

2 Part VI of title 28, United States Code, is amended  
3 by adding at the end the following:

4 **“CHAPTER 183—USE OF FOREIGN LAW IN**  
5 **FEDERAL COURTS**

6 **“§ 4201. Limitation on use of foreign law in Federal**  
7 **courts**

8 “In any court created by or under article III of the  
9 Constitution of the United States, no justice, judge, or  
10 other judicial official shall decide any issue in a case before  
11 that court in whole or in part on the authority of foreign  
12 law, except to the extent the Constitution or an Act of  
13 Congress requires the consideration of that foreign law.”.

14 **SEC. 2. CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**

15 The table of chapters for part VI of title 28, United  
16 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
17 lowing:

**“183. Use of foreign law in Federal courts ..... 4201”.**

