

Public Law 117–272
117th Congress

An Act

To amend gendered terms in Federal law relating to the President and the President's spouse.

Dec. 27, 2022
[H.R. 3285]

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

21st Century
President Act.
18 USC 1 note.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “21st Century President Act”.

SEC. 2. MODERNIZATION OF TERMS RELATING TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPOUSE OF A PRESIDENT.

Section 879(b)(1)(A) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “the wife of a former President during his lifetime, the widow of a former President until her death or remarriage” and inserting “the spouse of a former President during a former President's lifetime, the surviving spouse of a former President until the surviving spouse's death or remarriage”.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 3285:

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