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To define the term “natural born Citizen” as used in the Constitution of the United States to establish eligibility for the Office of President.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. INHOFE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Natural Born Citizen
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF “NATURAL BORN CITIZEN”.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Congress finds and declares that
8 the term “natural born Citizen” in Article II, Section 1,
9 Clause 5 of the Constitution of the United States means—

1 (1) any person born in the United States and
2 subject to the jurisdiction thereof; and

3 (2) any person born outside the United
4 States—

5 (A) who derives citizenship at birth from a
6 United States citizen parent or parents pursu-
7 ant to an Act of Congress; or

8 (B) who is adopted by 18 years of age by
9 a United States citizen parent or parents who
10 are otherwise eligible to transmit citizenship to
11 a biological child pursuant to an Act of Con-
12 gress.

13 (b) UNITED STATES.—In this section, the term
14 “United States”, when used in a geographic sense, means
15 the several States of the United States and the District
16 of Columbia.

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