

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To establish a minimum temperature for thermostats at the headquarters of the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. ERNST introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Lead by Example Act
5 of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. THERMOSTATS AT DOE AND EPA HEADQUARTERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy and the
8 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
9 shall set all thermostats in the 1 or more buildings com-

1 prising the headquarters of the Department of Energy and
2 the Environmental Protection Agency, respectively, to not
3 lower than 78 degrees Fahrenheit when the air condi-
4 tioning system is in operation.

5 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date
6 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy and the
7 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
8 shall each submit to Congress a report describing the tem-
9 perature at which thermostats have been set in the 1 or
10 more buildings comprising the headquarters of the De-
11 partment of Energy and the Environmental Protection
12 Agency, respectively, during the period beginning on Janu-
13 ary 20, 2021, and ending on the date of enactment of this
14 Act.