

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 928

To require that the 2000 decennial census include either a general or targeted followup mailing of census questionnaires, whichever, in the judgment of the Secretary of Commerce, will be more effective in securing the return of census information from the greatest number of households possible.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 1999

Mr. MILLER of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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 “2000 Census Mail Out-
5 reach Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SECOND MAILING REQUIRED.**

2 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Commerce
3 shall ensure that, in taking the 2000 decennial census,
4 after the original mailing of census questionnaires, a re-
5 placement questionnaire shall be sent either—

6 (1) to all households included in the original
7 mailing, or

8 (2) to each household not responding to the
9 original mailing,

10 whichever, in the judgment of the Secretary, will be more
11 effective in securing the return of a completed question-
12 naire from the greatest number of households possible.

13 (b) ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.—In making a de-
14 cision under subsection (a), the Secretary of Commerce
15 shall also take into consideration such factors as the need
16 for timely and accurate information, cost, and ease of ad-
17 ministration.

18 (c) DECENNIAL CENSUS DEFINED.—For purposes of
19 this Act, the term “decennial census” means a decennial
20 census of population conducted under section 141(a) of
21 title 13, United States Code.

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