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1ST SESSION

H. R. 2501

To require certain States to retain the Congressional redistricting plans in effect as of the first day of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress until such States carry out a redistricting plan in response to the apportionment of Representatives resulting from the regular decennial census conducted in 2020.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2015

Mr. ROHRABACHER (for himself, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. ISSA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. COOK, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, and Mr. GALLEG0) introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Citizens’ Districts Preservation Act”.

4 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Congress has the power to determine the
6 boundaries of districts for the election of Represent-
7 atives in Congress, as well as the process by which
8 such boundaries are to be drawn, pursuant to the
9 authority given to Congress to make or alter regula-
10 tions of the times, places, and manner of holding
11 elections for Representatives by article I, section 4
12 of the Constitution.

13 (2) The actions of citizens to establish, within
14 the bounds of their State constitutions, commissions
15 to draw the boundaries of districts for the election
16 of Representatives from their States should be
17 upheld.

18 (3) Between the reapportionment of Represent-
19 atives resulting from the regular decennial census, it
20 is preferable to maintain the stability and continuity
21 of the boundaries of these districts.

22 **SEC. 2. RETENTION OF CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**
23 **PLANS UNTIL REDISTRICTING FOLLOWING**
24 **2020 CENSUS.**

25 (a) RETENTION OF PLANS.—Each State referred to
26 in subsection (b) shall retain the Congressional redis-

1 trieting plan in effect in such State as of the first day
2 of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress until such State
3 carries out a redistricting plan in response to the appor-
4 tionment of Representatives resulting from the regular de-
5 cennial census conducted in 2020.

6 (b) STATES DESCRIBED.—The States referred to in
7 this subsection are as follows:

- 8 (1) Arizona.
- 9 (2) California.
- 10 (3) Hawaii.
- 11 (4) Idaho.
- 12 (5) New Jersey.
- 13 (6) Washington.

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