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H. R. 5303

To amend title 13, United States Code, to provide for the more accurate and complete enumeration of certain overseas Americans in the decennial census, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Utah (for himself, Mrs. LOVE, Mr. STEWART, and Mr. CURTIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and 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 “Full Count Act of
5 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. METHODS TO IMPROVE THE ENUMERATION OF**
2 **CERTAIN OVERSEAS AMERICANS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 141 of title 13, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
6 section (h); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(g)(1) Effective beginning with the 2030 decennial
10 census of population, the Secretary shall take appropriate
11 measures to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable,
12 that all Americans residing abroad on the decennial census
13 date are fully and accurately counted, and are properly
14 attributed to their respective States, and within the State
15 so attributed, to the appropriate unit of local government.

16 “(2) The measures under this subsection shall include
17 at least the following:

18 “(A) One or more methods by which, at the re-
19 quest of a nongovernmental organization, adminis-
20 trative records of such organization may, if such
21 records satisfy such criteria as the Secretary may es-
22 tablish, be used to enumerate members of such orga-
23 nization who are residing overseas as of the decen-
24 nial census date.

25 “(B) One or more methods under which an
26 international ‘Be Counted’ form may be completed

1 at an embassy of the United States by Americans
2 residing overseas as of the decennial census date.

3 “(C) Coordination and consultation with Fed-
4 eral agencies to ensure that all appropriate data-
5 bases involving Americans living overseas are ref-
6 erenced when compiling data for the decennial cen-
7 sus. The head of any such agency shall provide the
8 Secretary assistance and data as described under
9 this subsection.

10 “(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be considered
11 to affect the methods used in the enumeration of any civil-
12 ian or military personnel of the United States.”.

13 (b) CLARIFICATION.—The data obtained pursuant to
14 section 141(g) of title 13, United States Code, as added
15 by subsection (a), shall be used for the same purposes as
16 other data and information collected under a decennial
17 census of population, including the distribution of Federal
18 funds and the apportionment of Representatives in Con-
19 gress among the several States.

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