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# S. 1267

To extend certain deadlines for the 2020 decennial census.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 21, 2021

Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## 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 “2020 Census Deadline  
5       Extensions Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. CENSUS DEADLINE MODIFICATION.**

7       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

8               (1) the term “President” means the President  
9               of the United States; and

10              (2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
11              of Commerce.

1 (b) MODIFIED TIMETABLES AND RULES.—Notwith-  
2 standing subsections (b) and (c) of section 141 of title  
3 13, United States Code, and subsection (a) of section 22  
4 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the fifteenth  
5 and subsequent decennial censuses and to provide for ap-  
6 portionment of Representatives in Congress”, approved  
7 June 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a), the following timetables and  
8 rules shall apply to the 2020 decennial census of popu-  
9 lation:

10 (1) Not later than May 1, 2021, the Secretary  
11 shall—

12 (A) complete the tabulation of total popu-  
13 lation by States required under subsection (a)  
14 of such section 141;

15 (B) report the tabulation described in sub-  
16 paragraph (A) to the President; and

17 (C) make the tabulation described in sub-  
18 paragraph (A) public.

19 (2) Not later than 14 days after receipt of the  
20 tabulation described in paragraph (1)(A), the Presi-  
21 dent shall transmit to Congress the statement de-  
22 scribed in subsection (a) of such section 22.

23 (3) Each State shall be entitled, in the 118th  
24 Congress and in each Congress thereafter until the  
25 taking effect of a reapportionment under such sec-

1       tion 22 or a subsequently enacted statute, to the  
2       number of Representatives shown in the statement  
3       described in paragraph (2), and no State shall re-  
4       ceive less than 1 Member.

5           (4) Not later than 15 days after receipt of the  
6       statement described in paragraph (2), the Clerk of  
7       the House of Representatives shall send to the execu-  
8       tive of each State a certificate of the number of  
9       Representatives to which the State is entitled under  
10      paragraph (3). In the case of a vacancy in the Office  
11      of Clerk, or of the absence or inability of the Clerk  
12      to discharge that duty, that duty shall devolve upon  
13      the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representa-  
14      tives.

15           (5) The Secretary shall—

16           (A) complete the tabulations of population  
17           required under subsection (c) of such section  
18           141 as expeditiously as possible after the dead-  
19           line described in paragraph (4) of this sub-  
20           section, taking into account the deadlines of  
21           each State for legislative apportionment or dis-  
22           tricting; and

23           (B) report the tabulations described in  
24           subparagraph (A) as required under subsection

1 (c) of such section 141 not later than October  
2 1, 2021.

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