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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. DAVIDSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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 “Equal Representation
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CITIZENSHIP STATUS ON DECENNIAL CENSUS.**

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

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

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(g)(1) In conducting the 2030 decennial census and
6 each decennial census thereafter, the Secretary shall in-
7 clude in any questionnaire distributed or otherwise used
8 for the purpose of determining the total population by
9 States a checkbox or other similar option for the respond-
10 ent to indicate, for the respondent and for each of the
11 members of the household of the respondent, whether that
12 individual is—

13 “(A) a citizen of the United States;

14 “(B) a national of the United States but not a
15 citizen of the United States;

16 “(C) an alien lawfully residing in the United
17 States; or

18 “(D) an alien unlawfully residing in the United
19 States.

20 “(2) Not later than 120 days after completion of a
21 decennial census of the population under subsection (a),
22 the Secretary shall make publicly available the number of
23 persons per State, disaggregated by each of the 4 cat-
24 egories described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of

1 paragraph (1), as tabulated in accordance with this sec-
2 tion.”.

3 **SEC. 3. EXCLUSION OF NONCITIZENS FROM NUMBER OF**
4 **PERSONS USED TO DETERMINE APPORTION-**
5 **MENT OF REPRESENTATIVES AND NUMBER**
6 **OF ELECTORAL VOTES.**

7 (a) EXCLUSION.—Section 22(a) of the Act entitled
8 “An Act to provide for the fifteenth and subsequent decen-
9 nial censuses and to provide for an apportionment of Rep-
10 resentatives in Congress”, approved June 18, 1929 (2
11 U.S.C. 2a(a)), is amended by inserting after “not taxed”
12 the following: “and individuals who are not citizens of the
13 United States”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
15 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the appor-
16 tionment of Representatives carried out pursuant to the de-
17 cennial census conducted during 2030 and any succeeding
18 decennial census.

19 **SEC. 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.**

20 If any provision of this Act or amendment made by
21 this Act, or the application thereof to any person or cir-
22 cumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder
23 of the provisions of this Act and amendments made by
24 this Act, and the application of the provision or amend-

1 ment to any other person or circumstance, shall not be
2 affected.

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