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H. R. 7303

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the Act of July 25, 1947 establishing such Board.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW (for himself, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. MOORE of Alabama,
and Mr. CARL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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provisions of the Act of July 25, 1947 establishing such
Board.

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 “Preserve Geographic
5 Names Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ABOLITION OF BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Board on Geographic Names
8 established by section 2 of the Act of July 25, 1947 (61

1 Stat. 456; 43 U.S.C. 364a), is abolished and all functions
2 of such Board are terminated.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Act of July
4 25, 1947 (61 Stat. 456; 43 U.S.C. 364 et seq.) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) in the first section of that Act—

7 (A) by striking “conjointly with the Board
8 on Geographic Names, as hereinafter pro-
9 vided,”; and

10 (B) by striking “, except that such author-
11 ity as relates to the final approval or review of
12 actions of the Board on Geographic Names
13 shall be exercised by him, or his Under or As-
14 sistant Secretaries”;

15 (2) by striking sections 2 and 3 and redesign-
16 ating sections 4 through 8 as sections 2 through 6,
17 respectively;

18 (3) in section 2, as so redesignated by para-
19 graph (2) of this subsection—

20 (A) by striking “, and he shall provide a
21 place of meeting and staff assistance to the
22 Board. The staff shall be responsible to the
23 Secretary, who shall prescribe its relations to
24 the Board and the committees of the Board”;
25 and

1 (B) by striking “, upon the recommenda-
2 tion of the Board,”;

3 (4) in section 3, as so redesignated by para-
4 graph (2) of this subsection, by striking “in the
5 name of the Board”; and

6 (5) in section 4, as so redesignated by para-
7 graph (2) of this subsection, by striking “, and the
8 duties of said Board are transferred to the Board
9 herein created, and all departments, bureaus, and
10 agencies of the Federal Government shall refer all
11 geographic names and problems to the said Board
12 for the purpose of eliminating duplication of work,
13 personnel, and authority”.

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