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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To amend title 13, United States Code, to require the use of postcensus local review as part of each decennial census.

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.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Local Census Quality  
3 Check Act”.

4 **SEC 2. POSTCENSUS LOCAL REVIEW.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title  
6 13, United States Code, is amended by adding after sec-  
7 tion 141 the following:

8 **“§ 142. Postcensus local review**

9       “(a) Each decennial census taken after the date of  
10 enactment of this section shall include an opportunity for  
11 postcensus local review, similar to that afforded as part  
12 of the 1990 decennial census, so that local governmental  
13 units may review household counts, jurisdictional bound-  
14 aries, and such other data as the Secretary considers ap-  
15 propriate for the purpose of identifying discrepancies or  
16 other potential problems before the tabulation of total pop-  
17 ulation by States (as required for the apportionment of  
18 Representatives in Congress among the several States) is  
19 completed.

20       “(b) Any postcensus local review afforded under this  
21 section in connection with a decennial census shall be con-  
22 ducted in conformance with the following:

23               “(1) Not later than February 1st of the year in  
24 which such census is taken, the Secretary shall no-  
25 tify local governmental units as to the guidelines for,  
26 and shall furnish them with any other information

1       pertinent to, their participating in the upcoming  
2       postcensus local review.

3               “(2)(A) Not later than 30 days before submit-  
4       ting to a local governmental unit the data subject to  
5       its review under this section, the Secretary shall fur-  
6       nish to such unit the appropriate block level maps  
7       and lists of housing units.

8               “(B) Not later than August 1st of the year in  
9       which such census is taken or, if earlier, the 30th  
10      day after the date on which the nonresponse fol-  
11      lowup process for such census is completed, the Sec-  
12      retary shall submit to each local governmental unit  
13      the data which is subject to review by such govern-  
14      mental unit under this section.

15              “(C) For purposes of subparagraph (B), the  
16      date on which the nonresponse followup process for  
17      a census is completed shall be as determined by the  
18      Secretary.

19              “(3) A local governmental unit shall have 45  
20      days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal pub-  
21      lic holidays) to review the data submitted to it under  
22      paragraph (2)(B), and to submit any challenges re-  
23      lating to such data.

24              “(4) The Secretary shall investigate all chal-  
25      lenges timely submitted under paragraph (3), recan-

1 vass such blocks or other units as the Secretary con-  
2 sider appropriate in connection with any such chal-  
3 lenge, and correct any miscounts identified pursuant  
4 to any such challenge.

5 “(5) Not later than November 1st of the year  
6 in which such census is taken, the Secretary shall,  
7 with respect to each challenge timely submitted  
8 under paragraph (3)—

9 “(A) complete the measures required under  
10 paragraph (4) with respect to such challenge;  
11 and

12 “(B) notify the local governmental unit  
13 that submitted such challenge as to the meas-  
14 ures taken in response thereto.

15 “(c) As used in this section—

16 “(1) the term ‘decennial census’ means a decen-  
17 nial census of population conducted under section  
18 141(a); and

19 “(2) the term ‘local governmental unit’ means  
20 a local unit of general purpose government as de-  
21 fined by section 184, or its designee.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
23 tions for chapter 5 of title 13, United States Code, is

1 amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
2 141 the following:

“142. Postcensus local review.”.

Passed the House of Representatives April 14, 1999.

Attest:                               JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk.*