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106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 683

[Report No. 106–104]

To facilitate the recruitment of temporary employees to assist in the conduct of the 2000 decennial census of population.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 1999

Mrs. MEEK of Florida (for herself and Mr. MILLER of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

APRIL 26, 1999

Additional sponsors: Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CLYBURN, Mrs. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GOSS, Mrs. MORELLA, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. FORD, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. DIXON, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. MEEKS of New York, and Mr. FILNER

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 10, 1999]

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 “Decennial Census Im-*
5 *provement Act of 1999”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 *The Congress finds that—*

8 *(1) the Constitution requires that the number of*
9 *persons in the Nation be enumerated every 10 years*
10 *in order to permit the apportionment of Representa-*
11 *tives among the several States;*

12 *(2) information collected through a decennial*
13 *census is also used to determine—*

14 *(A) the boundaries of congressional districts*
15 *within States;*

16 *(B) the boundaries of the districts for the*
17 *legislature of each State and the boundaries of*
18 *other political subdivisions within the States;*
19 *and*

20 *(C) the allocation of billions of dollars of*
21 *Federal and State funds;*

22 *(3) the Constitution requires that those enumera-*
23 *tions be made in such manner as the Congress “shall*
24 *by law direct”;*

1 (4) *in the 1990 decennial census, the Bureau of*
 2 *the Census used a combination of mail questionnaires*
 3 *and personal interviews, involving more than 350,000*
 4 *enumerators, to collect the census data; and*

5 (5) *in 1993, the Bureau concluded that legisla-*
 6 *tion providing that pay for temporary census enu-*
 7 *merators in the 2000 decennial census not be used to*
 8 *reduce benefits under Federal assistance programs*
 9 *would make it easier for the Bureau to hire neighbor-*
 10 *hood people as temporary census enumerators in low-*
 11 *income neighborhoods.*

12 **SEC. 3. MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE RECRUITMENT OF**
 13 **TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES.**

14 (a) *PURPOSES FOR WHICH COMPENSATION SHALL*
 15 *NOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—(1) Section 23 of title 13,*
 16 *United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the*
 17 *following:*

18 “(d)(1) *As used in this subsection, the term ‘temporary*
 19 *census position’ shall mean a temporary position within*
 20 *the Bureau, established for purposes relating to the 2000*
 21 *census (as determined under regulations which the Sec-*
 22 *retary shall prescribe).*

23 “(2) *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the*
 24 *earning or receipt by an individual of compensation for*

1 *service performed by such individual in a temporary census*
2 *position shall not have the effect of causing—*

3 *“(A) such individual or any other individual to*
4 *become ineligible for any benefits described in para-*
5 *graph (3)(A); or*

6 *“(B) a reduction in the amount of any benefits*
7 *described in paragraph (3)(A) for which such indi-*
8 *vidual or any other individual would otherwise be eli-*
9 *gible.*

10 *“(3) This subsection—*

11 *“(A) shall apply with respect to benefits provided*
12 *under any Federal program or under any State or*
13 *local program financed in whole or in part with Fed-*
14 *eral funds;*

15 *“(B) shall apply only with respect to compensa-*
16 *tion for service performed during calendar year 2000;*
17 *and*

18 *“(C) shall not apply if the individual per-*
19 *forming the service involved was first appointed to a*
20 *temporary census position (whether such individual’s*
21 *then current position or a previous one) before Janu-*
22 *ary 1, 2000.”.*

23 *(2) Nothing in the amendment made by paragraph (1)*
24 *shall be considered to apply with respect to Public Law*

1 101–86 (as amended by subsection (b)) or the Internal Rev-
 2 enue Code of 1986.

3 (b) *EXEMPTION FROM PROVISIONS RELATING TO RE-*
 4 *EMPLOYED ANNUITANTS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE*
 5 *UNIFORMED SERVICES.*—Public Law 101–86 (13 U.S.C. 23
 6 note) is amended—

7 (1) in section 1(b) and the long title by striking
 8 “the 1990 decennial census” and inserting “the 2000
 9 decennial census”; and

10 (2) in section 4 by striking “December 31,
 11 1990.” and inserting “December 31, 2000.”.

12 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

13 *For purposes of this Act—*

14 (1) the term “census” means a census of popu-
 15 lation within the meaning of section 141(g) of title
 16 13, United States Code; and

17 (2) the term “Bureau” means the Bureau of the
 18 Census.

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