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# S. 1682

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROCKEFELLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and  
referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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# A BILL

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2010 decennial census.

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 “Census of Americans  
5       Abroad Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8                   (1) an estimated 3,000,000 to 6,000,000 Amer-  
9                   icans live and work overseas while continuing to vote  
10                  and pay taxes in the United States;

8 (3) with the growing threat of terrorism against  
9 Americans who live around the world, the need to  
10 account for the number of Americans residing in dif-  
11 ferent countries is even more important;

22 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
23 gress that—

24 (1) the Bureau of the Census should undertake  
25 a test census of Americans residing in selected coun-

1 tries abroad, and that the necessary funding should  
2 be appropriated for this purpose;

3 (2) the Bureau of the Census should, after com-  
4 pleting that test census, review the means by which  
5 Americans residing abroad may be included in the  
6 2010 decennial census;

7 (3) based on its review (described in paragraph  
8 (2)), the Bureau of the Census should again test  
9 methodologies that would provide for the counting of  
10 Americans residing abroad; and

11 (4) the Bureau of the Census should take ap-  
12 propriate measures to provide for the inclusion of  
13 Americans residing abroad in the 2010 decennial  
14 census and decennial censuses thereafter.

15 **SEC. 3. COUNTING OF AMERICANS RESIDING ABROAD.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce  
17 shall—

18 (1) using any authorities available to the Sec-  
19 retary under section 182 or any other provision of  
20 title 13, United States Code, take a test census of  
21 Americans residing abroad by September 30, 2004;

22 (2) submit the final tabulations of the test cen-  
23 sus to the President and Congress within 9 months  
24 after the date specified in paragraph (1), broken  
25 down into appropriate categories, including—

4 (B) Americans residing abroad not affiliated  
5 with the Federal Government, and their  
6 dependents;

12 (A) counting methodologies;

13 (B) the purposes for which any information could or should be used; and  
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15 (C) whether Americans residing abroad  
16 can be included in the 2010 decennial census  
17 for purposes of the apportionment of Rep-  
18 resentatives in Congress among the several  
19 States and, if so, how that should be done;

20 (4) after submitting the report required by  
21 paragraph (3), but before the end of 2006, again  
22 test methodologies for counting Americans residing  
23 abroad; and

24 (5) take appropriate measures—

8 (b) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION; PEN-  
9 ALTIES.—The provisions of section 9 and chapter 7 of title  
10 13, United States Code, shall apply with respect to the  
11 test census.

12 (c) LIMITED USE OF DATA.—The data obtained from  
13 the test census may not be used for any purpose not spe-  
14 cifically provided for under this section.

15 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
16 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
17 necessary to carry out this Act.

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