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H. R. 337

To amend title 13, United States Code, to provide that the term of office of the Director of the Census shall be 5 years, to provide that the Director of the Census report directly to the Secretary of Commerce, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

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. DIRECTOR OF THE CENSUS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21 of title 13, United
5 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 21. Director of the Census: duties; term**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau shall be headed by
3 a Director of the Census, appointed by the President, by
4 and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Direc-
5 tor shall perform such duties as may be imposed upon him
6 by law, regulations, or orders of the Secretary, and shall
7 report directly to the Secretary.

8 “(b) TERM.—The term of office of the Director shall
9 be 5 years, and shall begin as of the date which occurs
10 2 years after the 2000 census day, and every fifth year
11 after such date. Any individual appointed to fill a vacancy
12 in such position, occurring before the expiration of the
13 term for which his predecessor was appointed, shall be ap-
14 pointed for the remainder of such term. The Director may
15 serve after the end of his term until reappointed or until
16 a successor has been appointed, but in no event longer
17 than 180 days.

18 “(c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
19 term ‘census day’ has the meaning given the term ‘decen-
20 nial census date’ under section 141(a). ”.

21 (b) TRANSITION PROVISION.—The individual serving
22 as the Director of the Census on the day before the date
23 of enactment of this Act may continue to serve in that
24 position until such individual or a successor has been ap-
25 pointed (in accordance with the amendment made by sub-
26 section (a)) to serve for the remainder of the 5-year term

1 within which such date of enactment occurs, but in no
2 event longer than 180 days after such date of enactment.

3 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 for chapter 1 of title 13, United States Code, is amended
5 by striking the item relating to section 21 and inserting
6 the following:

“21. Director of the Census: duties; term.”.

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