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To establish a National Commission for Independent Redistricting to prepare Congressional redistricting plans for all States and to require Congressional redistricting in a State to be conducted in accordance with the Commission plan for the State.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUMENAUER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish a National Commission for Independent Redistricting to prepare Congressional redistricting plans for all States and to require Congressional redistricting in a State to be conducted in accordance with the Commission plan for the State.

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, FINDING OF CONSTITUTIONAL**
2 **AUTHORITY.**

3 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
4 “National Commission for Independent Redistricting Act
5 of 2012”.

6 (b) **FINDING.**—Congress finds that it has the author-
7 ity to establish the terms and conditions in carrying out
8 Congressional redistricting after an apportionment of
9 Members of the House of Representatives because—

10 (1) the authority granted to Congress under ar-
11 ticle I, section 4 of the Constitution of the United
12 States gives Congress the power to enact laws gov-
13 erning the time, place, and manner of elections for
14 Members of the House of Representatives; and

15 (2) the authority granted to Congress under
16 section 5 of the 14th Amendment to the Constitu-
17 tion gives Congress the power to enact laws to en-
18 force section 2 of such amendment, which requires
19 Representatives to be apportioned among the several
20 States according to their number.

21 **TITLE I—NATIONAL COMMIS-**
22 **SION FOR INDEPENDENT RE-**
23 **DISTRICTING**

24 **SEC. 101. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

25 There is established in the legislative branch with re-
26 spect to each regular decennial census (beginning with the

1 regular decennial census conducted during 2020) a com-
2 mission to be known as the “National Commission for
3 Independent Redistricting” (hereafter in this Act referred
4 to as the “Commission”).

5 **SEC. 102. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF STATE RE-**
6 **DISTRICTING PLANS.**

7 (a) PREPARATION OF CONGRESSIONAL REDIS-
8 TRICTING PLAN FOR EACH STATE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
10 receiving the statement of the number of Represent-
11 atives to which each State is entitled, as transmitted
12 to the Commission by the President under section
13 22(a) of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the
14 fifteenth and subsequent decennial censuses and to
15 provide for an apportionment of Representatives in
16 Congress”, approved June 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C.
17 2a(a)), as amended by subsection (d), the Commis-
18 sion shall establish and approve a Congressional re-
19 districting plan for each State that contains—

20 (A) a map showing each Congressional dis-
21 trict established under the plan for the State,
22 consistent with the criteria described in para-
23 graph (2);

24 (B) a detailed statement of the findings
25 and conclusions of the Commission and the rea-

1 sons why the adoption of the plan will best
2 serve the public interest; and

3 (C) the assumptions, scenarios, and alter-
4 natives considered in reaching such findings
5 and conclusions.

6 (2) CRITERIA CONSIDERED.—The Commission
7 shall develop the redistricting plan for a State in ac-
8 cordance with the following criteria:

9 (A) Adherence to the “one person, one
10 vote” standard and other requirements imposed
11 under the Constitution of the United States.

12 (B) To the greatest extent mathematically
13 possible, ensuring that the population of each
14 Congressional district in the State does not
15 vary from the population of any other Congres-
16 sional district in the State (as determined on
17 the basis of the total count of persons of the
18 most recent decennial census conducted by the
19 Bureau of the Census).

20 (C) Consistency with any applicable re-
21 quirements of the Voting Rights Act of 1965
22 and other Federal laws.

23 (D) To the greatest extent practicable, the
24 maintenance of the geographic continuity of the
25 political subdivisions of the State which are in-

cluded in the same Congressional district, in the following order of priority:

(i) The continuity of counties or parishes.

(ii) The continuity of municipalities.

(iii) The continuity of neighborhoods (as determined on the basis of census tracts or other relevant information).

(E) To the greatest extent practicable and consistent with the criteria set forth above, encouraging the geographical compactness of districts so that nearby population areas are not bypassed for more distant population areas (in accordance with such standards as the Commission may establish).

(F) Ensuring that districts are contiguous (except to the extent necessary to include any area which is surrounded by a body of water).

(3) FACTORS PROHIBITED FROM CONSIDERATION.—In developing the redistricting plan for a State, the Commission may not take into consideration any of the following factors, except to the extent necessary to comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965:

1 (A) The voting history of the population of
2 a Congressional district, except that the com-
3 mission may take such history into consider-
4 ation to the extent necessary to comply with
5 any law of the State which requires the estab-
6 lishment of competitive Congressional districts.

7 (B) The political party affiliation of the
8 population of a district.

9 (C) The residence of incumbent Members
10 of the House of Representatives, or of potential
11 candidates for the House of Representatives, in
12 the State.

13 (b) DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF PLANS
14 THROUGH TRANSPARENT PROCESS.—In accordance with
15 section 104, the Commission shall develop interim redis-
16 tricting plans for a State, and shall develop and approve
17 a final redistricting plan for a State, through a trans-
18 parent process that takes into account public comments.

19 (c) APPROVAL OF PLAN.—The Commission may not
20 approve a redistricting plan for a State under this section
21 unless the plan is approved by not fewer than 8 of its
22 members.

23 (d) REQUIRING PRESIDENT TO TRANSMIT STATE-
24 MENT OF NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR STATES.—
25 Section 22(a) of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for

1 the fifteenth and subsequent decennial censuses and to
 2 provide for an apportionment of Representatives in Con-
 3 gress”, approved June 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a(a)), is
 4 amended by striking “to the Congress” and inserting “to
 5 the Congress and to the National Commission for Inde-
 6 pendent Redistricting established with respect to the de-
 7 cennial census involved”.

8 **SEC. 103. MEMBERSHIP.**

9 (a) APPOINTMENT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be
 11 composed of 14 members, of whom no more than 7
 12 may be members of or affiliated with the same polit-
 13 ical party, who are appointed as follows:

14 (A) The Speaker of the House of Rep-
 15 resentatives shall appoint 4 members.

16 (B) The minority leader of the House of
 17 Representatives shall appoint 4 members.

18 (C) The majority leader of the Senate shall
 19 appoint 3 members.

20 (D) The minority leader of the Senate
 21 shall appoint 3 members.

22 (2) QUALIFICATIONS.—Members of the Com-
 23 mission shall be appointed on the basis of relevant
 24 experience, integrity, impartiality, and good judg-
 25 ment and members, subject to the following:

1 (A) An individual may not be appointed as
2 a Member if, at the time of appointment, the
3 individual is elected or appointed officer or em-
4 ployee of the Federal Government.

5 (B) An individual who is appointed as a
6 Member shall certify in writing, under penalty
7 of perjury, to each of the officers referred to in
8 paragraph (1) that the individual shall not seek
9 election or appointment to any public office
10 until the expiration of the 3-year period which
11 begins on the date the Commission terminates.

12 (3) DEADLINE.—Members of the Commission
13 shall be appointed by not later than October 1 of the
14 year in which the regular decennial census is con-
15 ducted.

16 (b) CO-CHAIRS.—The Co-Chairs of the Commission
17 shall be elected from among the members of the Commis-
18 sion. The Co-Chairs may not be members or affiliated with
19 the same political party.

20 (c) TERM OF SERVICE; VACANCIES.—Each Member
21 shall be appointed for the life of the Commission. A va-
22 cancy in the Commission shall be filled in the manner in
23 which the original appointment was made, but shall be
24 filled not later than 14 days after the vacancy occurs.

1 (d) COMPENSATION: TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members
2 shall each be paid at a rate not to exceed the rate of basic
3 pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule for each day
4 (including travel time) during which they are engaged in
5 the actual performance of duties vested in the Commis-
6 sion. Each Member shall receive travel expenses, including
7 per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with applica-
8 ble provisions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title
9 5, United States Code.

10 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

11 (1) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH RULES AND
12 REGULATIONS.—The Co-Chairs, in consultation with
13 the other members of the Commission, shall estab-
14 lish rules and regulations for the conduct of Com-
15 mission business, if such rules and regulations are
16 not inconsistent with this section or other applicable
17 law.

18 (2) QUORUM.—Not fewer than 9 members of
19 the Commission shall constitute a quorum for pur-
20 poses of voting, meeting, and holding hearings.

21 (3) MEETINGS.—

22 (A) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30
23 days after all of the Commission’s members
24 have been appointed, the Commission shall hold
25 its first meeting.

1 (B) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After the
2 first meeting, the Commission shall meet upon
3 the call of the Co-Chairs.

4 **SEC. 104. TRANSPARENCY.**

5 (a) OPEN MEETINGS AND HEARINGS.—Each meet-
6 ing and hearing held by the Commission shall be open to
7 the public, and a notice of the date, time, and location
8 of the meeting and hearing shall be posted on the Internet
9 site established and operated under subsection (c).

10 (b) DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF PLANS
11 THROUGH PARTICIPATION OF PUBLIC.—

12 (1) OUTREACH TO PUBLIC.—The Commission
13 shall establish a public outreach program to notify
14 members of the public of the work about the Com-
15 mission and to encourage to the greatest extent
16 practicable the participation of the public in the de-
17 velopment and review of redistricting plans. Under
18 such program, the Commission shall solicit com-
19 ments from the public for each proposed redis-
20 tricting plan for a State it develops, and shall take
21 such comments into consideration prior to devel-
22 oping any subsequent plan.

23 (2) FINAL PLAN.—The Commission may not
24 vote on a final redistricting plan for a State until
25 the expiration of the 14-day period which begins on

1 the date the Commission first makes the plan avail-
2 able for public comment.

3 (c) INTERNET.—

4 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 30 days
5 after all of the Commission’s members have been ap-
6 pointed, the Commission shall establish and operate
7 an Internet site through which members of the pub-
8 lic may obtain the information described in para-
9 graph (2) and may submit comments to the Com-
10 mission regarding any of the information posted on
11 the site.

12 (2) CONTENTS.—On the Internet site estab-
13 lished under paragraph (1), the Commission shall
14 post and continuously updated the following infor-
15 mation:

16 (A) A complete and current schedule of
17 Commission events (including all meetings,
18 hearings, and forums) and dates relevant to the
19 development and adoption of redistricting plans
20 (including periods for members of the public to
21 submit comments on plans).

22 (B) Each redistricting plan proposed by
23 the Commission, including a map of each Con-
24 gressional district under the plan and a State-

1 wide map showing each Congressional district
2 in a State under the plan.

3 (C) The most recent available information
4 from the Bureau of the Census on voting-age
5 population, voter registration, and voting re-
6 sults in the State, including precinct-level and
7 census tract-level data with respect to such in-
8 formation, as well as detailed maps reflecting
9 such information.

10 (D) The records of the Commission which
11 pertain to the development and adoption of re-
12 districting plans, including recorded votes taken
13 on the approval of a plan and any minority or
14 dissenting opinions written with respect to the
15 approval or rejection of a plan.

16 (E) Not later than 14 days prior to the
17 date of any meeting or hearing of the Commis-
18 sion, a notice of the date, time, and location of
19 the meeting or hearing.

20 (F) Not later than 7 days prior to the date
21 of any meeting of the Commission, the agenda
22 for the meeting.

23 (G) Not later than 7 days after the conclu-
24 sion of any hearing conducted by the Commis-

1 sion, a transcription and video recording of the
2 hearing.

3 (H) Such other information as the Com-
4 mission is required to make publicly available
5 under applicable law, and any other information
6 the Commission may choose to make publicly
7 available subject to applicable law.

8 **SEC. 105. STAFF OF COMMISSION.**

9 (a) APPOINTMENT OF STAFF.—

10 (1) SHARED STAFF.—The Co-Chairs shall joint-
11 ly appoint an individual to serve as staff director of
12 the Commission, and may also jointly appoint such
13 other personnel as may be necessary to enable the
14 Commission to carry out its functions.

15 (2) ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR COMMISSION MEM-
16 BERS.—Each member of the Commission may ap-
17 point up to 5 additional staff for the Commission.

18 (3) COVERAGE UNDER CONGRESSIONAL AC-
19 COUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995.—Any individual ap-
20 pointed to the staff of the Commission under this
21 subsection shall be considered a covered employee,
22 and the Commission shall be considered an employ-
23 ing office, for purposes of the Congressional Ac-
24 countability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.).

1 (b) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE
2 LAWS.—The staff director and other personnel of the
3 Commission may be appointed without regard to the provi-
4 sions of title 5, United States Code, governing appoint-
5 ments in the competitive service, and may be paid without
6 regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III
7 of chapter 53 of that title relating to classification and
8 General Schedule pay rates, except that no individual ap-
9 pointed under the authority of this section may receive pay
10 in excess of the annual rate of basic pay for GS-15 of
11 the General Schedule.

12 (c) STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon the re-
13 quest of the Co-Chairs of the Commission, the head of
14 any Federal department or agency may detail, without re-
15 imbursement, any of the personnel of that department or
16 agency to the Commission to assist in carrying out its du-
17 ties under this title.

18 **SEC. 106. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

19 (a) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Commission
20 may, for the purpose of carrying out this Act, hold hear-
21 ings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and
22 receive evidence as the Commission considers appropriate.

23 (b) POWERS OF MEMBERS AND AGENTS.—Any mem-
24 ber or agent of the Commission may, if authorized by the

1 Commission, take any action which the Commission is au-
2 thorized to take by this section.

3 (c) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Commission
4 may secure directly from any agency of the United States
5 information necessary to enable it to carry out this Act.
6 Upon the request of the Chair of the Commission, the
7 head of that department or agency shall furnish that infor-
8 mation to the Commission.

9 (d) MAILS.—The Commission may use the United
10 States mails in the same manner and under the same con-
11 ditions as other departments and agencies of the United
12 States.

13 (e) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—Upon
14 the request of the Commission, the Administrator of Gen-
15 eral Services shall provide to the Commission, on a reim-
16 bursable basis, the administrative support services nec-
17 essary for the Commission to carry out its responsibilities
18 under this Act.

19 **SEC. 107. COMPLIANCE WITH ETHICS GUIDELINES.**

20 (a) COMPLIANCE WITH CODE OF CONDUCT OF
21 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Each member and staff
22 of the Commission shall certify in writing to each of the
23 individuals referred to in section 103(a)(1), under penalty
24 of perjury, that the member or staff agrees to follow rule

1 XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives
2 (known as the “Code of Conduct”).

3 (b) REPORTS UNDER ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT
4 OF 1978.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
5 for purposes of title I of the Ethics in Government Act
6 of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), each member and staff of the
7 Commission—

8 (1) shall be deemed to be an officer or employee
9 of the Congress (as defined in section 109(13) of
10 such title); and

11 (2) shall file any report required to be filed by
12 such member or such staff (including by virtue of
13 the application of paragraph (1)) under title I of the
14 Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.)
15 with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

16 **SEC. 108. TERMINATION.**

17 The Commission shall terminate 90 days after the
18 date of enactment of the Commission plan.

19 **SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
21 as may be necessary to carry out this title.

1 **TITLE II—REQUIREMENTS FOR**
2 **CONGRESSIONAL REDIS-**
3 **TRICTING**

4 **SEC. 201. REQUIRING REDISTRICTING TO BE CONDUCTED**
5 **THROUGH APPROVED STATE PLANS OF COM-**
6 **MISSION.**

7 (a) ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION BY CONGRESS.—

8 After the Commission has approved a redistricting plan
9 under title I for all States, the Commission shall prepare
10 and submit to Congress and the President a bill (hereafter
11 in this title referred to as the “Commission bill”), the mat-
12 ter following the enacting clause of which consists of only
13 the following: “That notwithstanding any other provision
14 of law, each State shall carry out any congressional redis-
15 tricting required after the regular decennial census con-
16 ducted in _____ only in accordance with the redistricting
17 plan which was approved for the State with respect to that
18 census by the National Commission for Independent Re-
19 districting.”, with the blank filled in with the year in which
20 the decennial census was conducted.

21 (b) EXISTING DISTRICTS UNCHANGED UNTIL EN-
22 ACTMENT OF COMMISSION BILL.—Until the Commission
23 bill is enacted, the congressional districts in each State
24 shall remain in effect.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 22(c) of the
2 Act entitled “An Act to provide for the fifteenth and sub-
3 sequent decennial censuses and to provide for an appor-
4 tionment of Representatives in Congress”, approved June
5 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a(c)), is amended by striking “in the
6 manner provided by the law thereof” and inserting: “in
7 the manner provided by the National Commission for
8 Independent Redistricting Act of 2011”.

9 **SEC. 202. EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION**
10 **BILL BY CONGRESS.**

11 (a) INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSION BILL.—Upon re-
12 ceipt by Congress, the Commission bill shall be introduced
13 within 30 days in the Senate and in the House of Rep-
14 resentatives by the majority leader of each House of Con-
15 gress, for himself, the minority leader of each House of
16 Congress, for himself, or any member of the House des-
17 ignated by the majority leader or minority leader. If the
18 Commission bill is not introduced in accordance with the
19 preceding sentence in either House of Congress, then any
20 Member of that House may introduce the Commission bill
21 on any day thereafter. Upon introduction, the Commission
22 bill shall be referred to the appropriate committees under
23 subsection (b).

24 (b) COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION.—A Commission
25 bill introduced in either House of Congress shall be jointly

1 referred to the committee or committees of jurisdiction,
2 which shall report the bill without any revision and with
3 a favorable recommendation, an unfavorable recommenda-
4 tion, or without recommendation, not later than 7 cal-
5 endar days after the date of introduction of the bill in that
6 House, or the first day thereafter on which that House
7 is in session. If any committee fails to report the bill with-
8 in that period, that committee shall be automatically dis-
9 charged from consideration of the bill, and the bill shall
10 be placed on the appropriate calendar.

11 (c) FAST TRACK CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF REP-
12 RESENTATIVES.—

13 (1) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—It shall
14 be in order, not later than 2 days of session after
15 the date on which a Commission bill is reported or
16 discharged from all committees to which it was re-
17 ferred, for the majority leader of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives or the majority leader's designee, to
19 move to proceed to the consideration of the Commis-
20 sion bill. It shall also be in order for any Member
21 of the House of Representatives to move to proceed
22 to the consideration of the Commission bill at any
23 time after the conclusion of such 2-day period. All
24 points of order against the motion are waived. Such
25 a motion shall not be in order after the House has

1 disposed of a motion to proceed on the Commission
2 bill. The previous question shall be considered as or-
3 dered on the motion to its adoption without inter-
4 vening motion. The motion shall not be debatable. A
5 motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion
6 is disposed of shall not be in order.

7 (2) CONSIDERATION.—The Commission bill
8 shall be considered as read. All points of order
9 against the Commission bill and against its consider-
10 ation are waived. The previous question shall be con-
11 sidered as ordered on the Commission bill to its pas-
12 sage without intervening motion except 2 hours of
13 debate equally divided and controlled by the pro-
14 ponent and an opponent, and any motion to limit de-
15 bate. A motion to reconsider the vote on passage of
16 the Commission bill shall not be in order.

17 (3) APPEALS.—Appeals from decisions of the
18 chair relating to the application of the Rules of the
19 House of Representatives to the procedure relating
20 to a Commission bill shall be decided without debate.

21 (4) APPLICATION OF HOUSE RULES.—Except to
22 the extent specifically provided in paragraph (1),
23 consideration of a Commission bill shall be governed
24 by the Rules of the House of Representatives. It
25 shall not be in order in the House of Representatives

1 to consider any Commission bill introduced pursuant
2 to the provisions of this subsection under a suspen-
3 sion of the rules pursuant to Clause 1 of House Rule
4 XV, or under a special rule reported by the Com-
5 mittee on Rules.

6 (5) NO AMENDMENTS.—No amendment to the
7 Commission bill shall be in order in the House of
8 Representatives.

9 (6) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—Immediately following
10 the conclusion of consideration of the Commission
11 bill, the vote on passage of the Commission bill shall
12 occur without any intervening action or motion. If
13 the Commission bill is passed, the Clerk of the
14 House of Representatives shall cause the bill to be
15 transmitted to the Senate before the close of the
16 next day of session of the House.

17 (d) FAST TRACK CONSIDERATION IN SENATE.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding Rule XXII
19 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is in order,
20 not later than 2 days of session after the date on
21 which a Commission bill is reported or discharged
22 from all committees to which it was referred, for the
23 majority leader of the Senate or the majority lead-
24 er's designee to move to proceed to the consideration
25 of the Commission bill. It shall also be in order for

1 any Member of the Senate to move to proceed to the
2 consideration of the Commission bill at any time
3 after the conclusion of such 2-day period. A motion
4 to proceed is in order even though a previous motion
5 to the same effect has been disagreed to. All points
6 of order against the motion to proceed to the Com-
7 mission bill are waived. The motion to proceed is not
8 debatable. The motion is not subject to a motion to
9 postpone. A motion to reconsider the vote by which
10 the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not be
11 in order. If a motion to proceed to the consideration
12 of the Commission bill is agreed to, the Commission
13 bill shall remain the unfinished business until dis-
14 posed of.

15 (2) DEBATE.—All points of order against the
16 Commission bill and against consideration of the
17 Commission bill are waived. Consideration of the
18 Commission bill and of all debatable motions and
19 appeals in connection therewith shall not exceed a
20 total of 100 hours. Debate shall be divided equally
21 between the majority and minority leaders or their
22 designees. A motion further to limit debate on the
23 Commission bill is in order and is not debatable.
24 Any debatable motion or appeal is debatable for not
25 to exceed 1 hour, to be divided equally between those

1 favoring and those opposing the motion or appeal.
2 All time used for consideration of the Commission
3 bill, including time used for quorum calls and voting,
4 shall be counted against the total 100 hours of con-
5 sideration.

6 (3) NO AMENDMENTS.—An amendment to the
7 Commission bill, or a motion to postpone, or a mo-
8 tion to proceed to the consideration of other busi-
9 ness, or a motion to recommit the Commission bill,
10 is not in order.

11 (4) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on passage
12 shall occur immediately following the conclusion of
13 the debate on a Commission bill, and a single
14 quorum call at the conclusion of the debate if re-
15 quested.

16 (5) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—
17 Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to
18 the application of the rules of the Senate, as the
19 case may be, to the procedure relating to a Commis-
20 sion bill shall be decided without debate.

21 (e) RULES TO COORDINATE ACTION WITH OTHER
22 HOUSE.—

23 (1) REFERRAL.—If, before the passage by one
24 House of a Commission bill of that House, that
25 House receives from the other House a Commission

1 bill, then the Commission bill of the other House
2 shall not be referred to a committee and shall imme-
3 diately be placed on the calendar.

4 (2) PROCEDURE.—If the Senate receives the
5 Commission bill passed by the House of Representa-
6 tives before the Senate has voted on passage of the
7 Commission bill—

8 (A) the procedure in the Senate shall be
9 the same as if no Commission bill had been re-
10 ceived from the House of Representatives; and

11 (B) the vote on passage in the Senate shall
12 be on the Commission bill of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives.

14 (3) TREATMENT OF COMMISSION BILL OF
15 OTHER HOUSE.—If one House fails to introduce or
16 consider a Commission bill under this section, the
17 Commission bill of the other House shall be entitled
18 to expedited floor procedures under this section.

19 (4) TREATMENT OF COMPANION MEASURES IN
20 THE SENATE.—If following passage of the Commis-
21 sion bill in the Senate, the Senate then receives the
22 Commission bill from the House of Representatives,
23 the House-passed Commission bill shall not be de-
24 batable. The vote on passage of the Commission bill
25 in the Senate shall be considered to be the vote on

1 passage of the Commission bill received from the
2 House of Representatives.

3 (5) VETOES.—If the President vetoes the Com-
4 mission bill, debate on a veto message in the Senate
5 under this section shall be 1 hour equally divided be-
6 tween the majority and minority leaders or their des-
7 ignees.

8 (f) SUSPENSION.—No motion to suspend the applica-
9 tion of this section shall be in order in the Senate or in
10 the House of Representatives.

11 **SEC. 203. LIMIT ON CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**
12 **AFTER AN APPORTIONMENT.**

13 (a) LIMIT.—The Act entitled “An Act for the relief
14 of Doctor Ricardo Vallejo Samala and to provide for con-
15 gressional redistricting”, approved December 14, 1967 (2
16 U.S.C. 2c), is amended by adding at the end the following:
17 “A State which has been redistricted in the manner pro-
18 vided by law after an apportionment under section 22(a)
19 of the Act entitled ‘An Act to provide for the fifteenth
20 and subsequent decennial censuses and to provide for an
21 apportionment of Representatives in Congress,’ approved
22 June 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a), may not be redistricted
23 again until after the next apportionment of Representa-
24 tives under such section, unless a court requires the State
25 to conduct such subsequent redistricting to comply with

1 the Constitution or to enforce the Voting Rights Act of
 2 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.)”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 4 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
 5 ment of this Act.

6 **SEC. 204. NO EFFECT ON REDISTRICTING FOR STATE OR**
 7 **LOCAL ELECTIONS.**

8 Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this
 9 Act may be construed to affect any procedures a State
 10 or a unit of local government in a State may use to con-
 11 duct redistricting with respect to elections for State or
 12 local offices.

13 **TITLE III—EFFECTIVE DATE**

14 **SEC. 301. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 Except as provided in section 203, this Act and the
 16 amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to
 17 any Congressional redistricting which occurs after the reg-
 18 ular decennial census conducted during 2020.

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