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H. R. 7252

To direct the Attorney General to enter into an agreement with the National Academies to conduct a study to develop guidelines, best practices, and examples for congressional redistricting.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCNERNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Fair And Inclusive
5 Redistricting Map Act” or the “FAIR Map Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAP STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General

1 shall enter into an agreement with the National Academies
2 under which the National Academies shall conduct a study
3 to—

4 (1) develop guidelines, best practices, and ex-
5 amples consistent with the criteria in subsection (b)
6 to aid States in drawing congressional district maps;
7 and

8 (2) define metrics and limitations to such
9 metrics for geographic contiguity, compactness, and
10 maintaining partisan symmetry.

11 (b) MAP CRITERIA.—

12 (1) PRIMARY CRITERIA.—The guidelines, best
13 practices, and examples developed under subsection

14 (a) shall—

15 (A) comply with the Constitution of the
16 United States, including the requirement of
17 equal population;

18 (B) comply with the Voting Rights Act of
19 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10301 et seq.); and

20 (C) maintain geographic contiguity and
21 compactness.

22 (2) SECONDARY CRITERIA.—To the extent prac-
23 ticable, the guidelines, best practices, and examples
24 developed under subsection (a) shall—

1 (A) respect natural and existing political
2 boundaries;

3 (B) respect communities of interest; and

4 (C) maintain partisan symmetry.

5 (c) COMPLETION OF STUDY.—The Study required
6 under subsection (a) shall be completed at the later of—

7 (1) January 1, 2021; or

8 (2) the date that is 1 year after the date of the
9 agreement in subsection (a).

10 (d) REPORT.—After the completion of the study, the
11 Attorney General shall submit to Congress and make pub-
12 licly available the results of the study described in sub-
13 section (a).

14 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
16 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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