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# H. R. 868

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Utah (for himself and Mr. CHAFFETZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## 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. METHODS TO IMPROVE THE ENUMERATION OF**  
4               **CERTAIN OVERSEAS AMERICANS.**

5       Section 141 of title 13, United States Code, is  
6       amended—

7               (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-  
8       section (h); and

1           (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-  
2       lowing:

3       “(g)(1) Effective beginning with the 2020 decennial  
4       census of population, in taking any tabulation of total pop-  
5       ulation by States under subsection (a) for purposes of the  
6       apportionment of Representatives in Congress among the  
7       several States, the Secretary shall take appropriate meas-  
8       ures to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that  
9       all Americans residing abroad on the decennial census  
10      date are fully and accurately counted, and are properly  
11      attributed to their respective States.

12      “(2) The measures under this subsection shall include  
13      at least the following:

14           “(A) One or more methods by which, at the re-  
15      quest of a non-governmental organization, adminis-  
16      trative records of such organization may, if such  
17      records satisfy such criteria as the Secretary may es-  
18      tablish, be used to enumerate members of such orga-  
19      nization who are residing overseas as of the decen-  
20      nial census date.

21           “(B) One or more methods under which an  
22      international ‘Be Counted’ form may be completed  
23      at an embassy of the United States by Americans  
24      residing overseas as of the decennial census date.

25      “(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be considered—

1           “(A) to affect the methods used in the enu-  
2           meration of any civilian or military personnel of the  
3           United States; or

4           “(B) to permit or require that the data ob-  
5           tained under this subsection be used for any purpose  
6           other than the apportionment of Representatives in  
7           Congress among the several States.”.

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