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To amend title 13, United States Code, to provide for the more accurate and complete enumeration of certain overseas Americans in the decennial census, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 citizens of the United States temporarily living abroad
10 on the date of the decennial census are—

11 “(A) fully and accurately counted; and

12 “(B) properly attributed to the last State in
13 which they were domiciled before leaving the United
14 States.

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

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

24 “(B) One or more methods under which an
25 international ‘Be Counted’ form may be completed

1 at an embassy of the United States by citizens of
2 the United States residing overseas as of the date of
3 the decennial census.

4 “(C) One or more methods under which voter
5 registration rolls may be used to establish usual resi-
6 dence by confirming the State of which citizens of
7 the United States living abroad usually reside.

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

9 “(A) to affect the methods used in the enu-
10 meration of any civilian or military personnel of the
11 United States; or

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

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