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To amend title 13, United States Code, to improve the accuracy of census address lists, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAWYER (for himself, Mr. PETRI, Miss COLLINS of Michigan, and Mr. McCLOSKEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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 “Census Address List
5 Improvement Act of 1994”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDRESS INFORMATION REVIEWED BY LOCAL GOV-**
7 **ERNMENTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 13, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding after section 15 the
10 following new section:

1 **“§ 16. Address information reviewed by States and**
2 **local governments**

3 “(a) The Secretary, to assist efforts to ensure the ac-
4 curacy of censuses and surveys under this title, shall—

5 “(1) publish standards defining the content and
6 structure of address information which States and
7 local units of general purpose government may sub-
8 mit to the Secretary to be used in developing a na-
9 tional address list;

10 “(2)(A) develop and publish a timetable for the
11 Bureau to receive, review, and respond to submis-
12 sions of information under paragraph (1) before the
13 decennial census date; and

14 “(B) provide for a response by the Bureau with
15 respect to such submissions in which the Bureau
16 specifies its determinations regarding such informa-
17 tion and the reasons for such determinations; and

18 “(3) be subject to the review process developed
19 under section 3 of the Census Address List Improve-
20 ment Act of 1994 relating to responses pursuant to
21 paragraph (2).

22 “(b)(1) The Secretary—

23 “(A) may provide officials who are designated
24 as census liaisons by a local unit of general purpose
25 government with access to census address informa-
26 tion for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the

1 address information of the Bureau for census and
2 survey purposes; and

3 “(B) together with such access, should provide
4 an explanation of duties and obligations under this
5 title.

6 “(2) Access under paragraph (1) shall be limited to
7 address information concerning addresses within the local
8 unit of general purpose government represented by the
9 census liaison or an adjacent local unit of general purpose
10 government.

11 “(3) The Bureau should respond to each rec-
12 ommendation made by a census liaison concerning the ac-
13 curacy of address information, including the determination
14 (and reasons therefor) of the Bureau regarding each such
15 recommendation.

16 “(4) For the purposes of paragraph (1), in a case
17 in which a local unit of general purpose government is
18 within another local unit of general purpose government
19 and is not independent of the enclosing unit, the census
20 liaison shall be designated by the local unit of general pur-
21 pose government which is within the enclosing local unit
22 of general purpose government.

23 “(5) A census liaison may not use information made
24 available under paragraph (1) for any purpose other than
25 the purpose specified in paragraph (1).

1 “(c) For the purposes of this section—

2 “(1) the term ‘local unit of general purpose
3 government’ has the meaning given such term by
4 section 184(1) of this title; and

5 “(2) the term ‘State’ includes the District of
6 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the
7 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
8 American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and
9 any other territory or possession of the United
10 States.”.

11 (b) CONFIDENTIALITY.—Section 9(a) of such title is
12 amended—

13 (1) by inserting “or local government census li-
14 aison,” after “thereof,”; and

15 (2) by inserting “or 16” after “section 8”.

16 (c) PENALTY.—Section 214 of such title is amended
17 by inserting “or whoever, being or having been a census
18 liaison within the meaning of section 16 of this title,” after
19 “title,” the second place it appears.

20 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 at the beginning of chapter 1 of such title is amended by
22 inserting after the item relating to section 15 the
23 following:

“16. Address information reviewed by local governments.”.

1 **SEC. 3. DEVELOPMENT OF APPEALS PROCESS BY ADMINIS-**
2 **TRATOR OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION**
3 **AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS.**

4 The Administrator of the Office of Information and
5 Regulatory Affairs, acting through the Chief Statistician
6 and in consultation with the Bureau of the Census, shall
7 develop an appeals process for those States and local units
8 of general purpose government which desire to appeal de-
9 terminations of the Bureau of the Census pursuant to sec-
10 tion 16(a)(2) or (b)(3) of title 13, United States Code.
11 Appeals under such process shall be resolved before the
12 decennial census date. The Chief Statistician shall publish
13 the proposed appeals process for a period of public com-
14 ment before finalizing such process.

15 **SEC. 4. AUTHORITY OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**
16 **TO SHARE ADDRESS LISTS.**

17 Section 412 of title 39, United States Code, is
18 amended—

19 (1) by striking out “Except” and all that fol-
20 lows through “law,” and inserting in lieu thereof
21 “(a) Except as specifically provided by subsection
22 (b) or other law,”; and

23 (2) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(b) The Postal Service shall provide to the Secretary
25 of Commerce for use by the Bureau of the Census such
26 address information, address-related information, and

1 point of postal delivery information, including postal deliv-
2 ery codes, as may be determined by the Secretary to be
3 appropriate for any census or survey being conducted by
4 the Bureau of the Census. The provision of such informa-
5 tion under this subsection shall be in accordance with such
6 mutually agreeable terms and conditions, including
7 reimbursability, as the Postal Service and the Secretary
8 of Commerce shall deem appropriate.”.

