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To amend title 13, United States Code, to provide that the term of office of the Director of the Census shall be 5 years, to require that such Director report directly to the Secretary of Commerce, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FROST, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PASTOR, and Mr. RANGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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. DIRECTOR OF THE CENSUS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21 of title 13, United
5 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 21. Director of the Census; duties; reporting**

2 “(a) The Bureau shall be headed by a Director of
3 the Census, appointed by the President, by and with the
4 advice and consent of the Senate. The Director shall per-
5 form such duties as may be imposed upon him by law,
6 regulations, or orders of the Secretary, and shall report
7 directly to the Secretary.

8 “(b) The term of office of the Director shall be 5
9 years, and shall begin on January 1, 2002, and every fifth
10 year thereafter. Any individual appointed to fill a vacancy
11 in such position occurring before the expiration of the
12 term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be ap-
13 pointed for the remainder of that term. The Director may
14 serve after the end of his term until reappointed or until
15 the appointment of a successor, but not for a period of
16 more than 180 days.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
18 for chapter 1 of title 13, United States Code, is amended
19 by striking the item relating to section 21 and inserting
20 the following:

“21. Director of the Census; duties; reporting.”.

21 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on
23 January 1, 2002.

24 (b) TRANSITION PROVISIONS.—If the position of Di-
25 rector of the Census would (but for this subsection) other-

1 wise be required to be vacated by reason of the enactment
2 of this Act, the individual serving as Director immediately
3 before the effective date of this Act may continue to serve
4 until such individual or a successor is appointed in accord-
5 ance with the amendment made by section 1(a), but for
6 not longer than the 180-day period beginning on such ef-
7 fective date.

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