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# H. R. 6550

To amend title 13, United States Code, to provide that individuals in prison shall, for the purposes of a decennial census, be attributed to the last usual place of residence before incarceration, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Ms. ROSS (for herself, Mr. POCAN, Ms. DEAN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACOBS of California, Mr. JONES, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “End Prison Gerry-  
5 mandering Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESIDENCE OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.**

2 (a) RESIDENCE.—Section 141 of title 13, United  
3 States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-  
5 section (h); and

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

8 “(g) Effective beginning with the 2030 decennial cen-  
9 sus of population and every census thereafter, in taking  
10 any census of population under subsection (a) the Sec-  
11 retary shall, with respect to an individual incarcerated in  
12 a State, Federal, county, or municipal correctional facility  
13 as of the decennial census date, attribute such individual  
14 to such individual’s last usual place of residence before  
15 incarceration.”.

16 (b) USE OF RESIDENCE FOR PURPOSES OF CON-  
17 GRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.—Section 22 of the Act enti-  
18 tled “An Act to provide for the fifteenth and subsequent  
19 decennial censuses and to provide for an apportionment  
20 of Representatives in Congress”, approved June 18, 1929  
21 (2 U.S.C. 2a), is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
22 lowing new subsection:

23 “(d) If the tabulation of the number of persons in  
24 a State under subsection (a) includes an individual incar-  
25 cerated in a State, Federal, county, or municipal correc-  
26 tional facility who is treated as a resident of the State

1 because the tabulation attributes the individual to the in-  
2 dividual's last usual place of residence before incarcer-  
3 ation, as provided under section 141(g) of title 13, United  
4 States Code, the State shall treat the individual's last  
5 usual place of residence in the State before incarceration  
6 as the individual's place of residence for purposes of con-  
7 gressional redistricting.".

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