

## S 4048

Fair and Accurate Census Act

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 29, 2020
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Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 1, 2020
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 1, 2020
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 1, 2020
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Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 21, 2020
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Aug 3, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Aug 5, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Aug 5, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 8, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 23, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">116 S 4571</a>	Related bill	<b>Sep 15, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
<a href="#">116 HR 8250</a>	Related bill	<b>Sep 14, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
<a href="#">116 HR 7974</a>	Related bill	<b>Aug 7, 2020:</b> Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.
<a href="#">116 HR 7034</a>	Related bill	<b>May 27, 2020:</b> Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.

### Summary (as of Jun 23, 2020)

#### Fair and Accurate Census Act

This bill extends the deadline for the U.S. Census Bureau to complete the 2020 decennial census of population and related tabulations and provides \$400 million to address the impacts of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) on the census and to support enhanced census activities.

The bill requires the bureau to report specified information, such as (1) the total number of field staff, sorted by category; (2) the anticipated schedule of census operations; (3) total spending on media, advertisements, and partnership specialists; and (4) post-enumeration survey schedule and completion progress, including anticipated schedule for release of results from the coverage measurement survey.

An institution of higher education may provide to the bureau information requested for purposes of enumeration for the 2020 decennial census of population, subject to certain public notice requirements. The institution may not provide any information to the bureau on an individual's immigration or citizenship status.

The bureau may not compile, produce, or publish any data product or tabulation as part of, in combination with, or in connection with the 2020 decennial census of population or any such census data that includes topics specific to the 2020 census that were not part of a report submitted on March 28, 2017, and the 2018 End-to-End Census Test conducted in Providence County, Rhode Island.

The bill provides funding for specified activities, including expanded communications and advertising targeted to low self-response communities in rural and urban areas, Alaska Native villages, and on tribal lands.

### Actions Timeline

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