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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas (for himself, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, and Ms. ESCOBAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDING OF CONSTITUTIONAL**
2 **AUTHORITY.**

3 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
4 “Save American Democracy Act” or the “SAD Act”.

5 (b) FINDING OF CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY.—
6 Congress finds that it has the authority to establish the
7 terms and conditions States must follow in carrying out
8 Congressional redistricting after an apportionment of
9 Members of the House of Representatives because—

10 (1) the authority granted to Congress under ar-
11 ticle I, section 4 of the Constitution of the United
12 States gives Congress the power to enact laws gov-
13 erning the time, place, and manner of elections for
14 Members of the House of Representatives; and

15 (2) the authority granted to Congress under
16 section 5 of the fourteenth amendment to the Con-
17 stitution gives Congress the power to enact laws to
18 enforce section 2 of such amendment, which requires
19 Representatives to be apportioned among the several
20 States according to their number.

21 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION WITH RESPECT TO MID-DECADE RE-**
22 **DISTRICTING.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—A State which has redistricted in
24 the manner provided by law after an apportionment under
25 section 22(a) of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for
26 the fifteenth and subsequent decennial censuses and to

1 provide for an apportionment of Representatives in Con-
2 gress”, approved June 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a), may not
3 be redistricted again until after the next apportionment
4 under such Act unless—

5 (1) a court requires the State to conduct such
6 subsequent redistricting to comply with the Con-
7 stitution of the United States, the Voting Rights Act
8 of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10301 et seq.), or the Constitu-
9 tion of the State; or

10 (2) legislation enacted by the State to imple-
11 ment such redistricting expressly requires such sub-
12 sequent redistricting.

13 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
14 may be construed to affect the manner in which a State
15 carries out elections for State or local office.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
17 respect to any Congressional redistricting which occurs
18 after the regular decennial census conducted during 2020.

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