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H. R. 1173

To provide that States may use redistricting systems for Congressional districts other than single-member districts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 1999

Mr. WATT of North Carolina (for himself, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. LEE, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “States’ Choice of Vot-
5 ing Systems Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RIGHT OF STATES TO CHOOSE DISTRICTING SYS-**
2 **TEMS.**

3 The Act entitled “An Act for the relief of Doctor Ri-
4 cardo Vallejo Samala and to provide for congressional re-
5 districting”, approved December 14, 1967 (2 U.S.C. 2e),
6 is amended by striking “In each State” and all that fol-
7 lows and inserting the following:

8 **“SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.**

9 “In each State entitled in the One Hundred Eighth
10 Congress or in any Congress thereafter to more than one
11 Representative in Congress under an apportionment made
12 pursuant to the provisions of section 22(a) of the Act of
13 June 18, 1929 (ch. 28; 46 Stat. 26)—

14 “(1) there may be established by law a number
15 of districts equal to the number of Representatives
16 to which such State is so entitled and Representa-
17 tives may be elected only from single-member dis-
18 tricts so established, or

19 “(2) such State may establish a number of dis-
20 tricts for election of Representatives that is less than
21 the number of Representatives to which the State is
22 entitled and Representatives may be elected from
23 single-member districts, multi-member districts, or a
24 combination of single-member and multi-member
25 districts, if that State uses a system that meets the
26 constitutional standard that each voter should have

1 equal voting power and does not violate the Voting
2 Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.).”

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