

1 A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to restore the citizenship
2 question to the decennial United States Census, to report citizen and noncitizen
3 population counts, and to base representation on citizen population.

4 WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau's decennial enumeration is used to
5 allocate seats in the United States House of Representatives and to draw federal, state,
6 and local legislative districts; and

7 WHEREAS, current practice counts all persons, including noncitizens, for purposes
8 of apportionment, even though only United States citizens are eligible to vote in federal
9 and most state and local elections; and

10 WHEREAS, Congress and the Census Bureau have previously included questions
11 on citizenship status in census instruments, and proposals are now pending in Congress to
12 restore a citizenship question and to report citizenship data for apportionment purposes;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, accurate, publicly reported data regarding the citizen and noncitizen
15 populations of each state will assist states in drawing fair and representative
16 congressional, state legislative, and local districts;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
19 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

20 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives urges Congress to enact legislation
21 requiring that each decennial census questionnaire include a question asking whether the
22 respondent and each member of the respondent's household is a United States citizen, and
23 that the Census Bureau publicly report citizen and noncitizen population counts for each
24 state, political subdivision, and census enumeration component.

25 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives further urges Congress to require that
26 apportionment of seats in the United States House of Representatives and the districts for
27 each state's congressional districts be based on the United States citizen population of the

1 state, rather than total population, and calls on Congress to take all lawful steps necessary
2 to accomplish that objective.

3 ➡Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
4 copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United
5 States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and each
6 member of the Kentucky congressional delegation.