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Page 255, after line 25, insert the following new section (and redesignate accordingly):

1 SEC. 2435. FAIR AND INCLUSIVE REDISTRICTING MAP ACT.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General
4 shall enter into an agreement with the National Academies
5 under which the National Academies shall conduct a study
6 to—

7 (1) develop guidelines, best practices, and ex8 amples consistent with the criteria in subsection (b)
9 to aid States in drawing congressional district maps;
10 and

(2) define metrics, limitations to such metrics,
and other factors for the criteria in subsection (b).
(b) MAP CRITERIA.—

14 (1) REQUIREMENTS.—The guidelines, best
15 practices, and examples developed under subsection
16 (a) shall—

17 (A) comply with the Constitution of the
18 United States, including the requirement of
19 equal population; and

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1	(B) comply with the Voting Rights Act of
2	1965 (52 U.S.C. 10301 et seq.).
3	(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—The guidelines, best
4	practices, and examples developed under subsection
5	(a) shall consider factors related to—
6	(A) maintaining geographic contiguity and
7	compactness;
8	(B) respecting natural and existing polit-
9	ical boundaries;
10	(C) respecting communities of interest; and
11	(D) maintaining partisan fairness.
12	(c) COMPLETION OF STUDY.—The study required
13	under subsection (a) shall be completed at the later of—
14	(1) January 1, 2021; or
15	(2) the date that is 1 year after the date of the
16	agreement in subsection (a).
17	(d) REPORT.—After the completion of the study, the
18	Attorney General shall submit to Congress and make pub-
19	licly available the results of the study described in sub-
20	section (a).

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