

H. R. 20048.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 5, 1912.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico.

AN ACT

Declaring that all citizens of Porto Rico and certain natives permanently residing in said island shall be citizens of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That all citizens of Porto Rico, as defined by section seven
4 of the Act of April twelfth, nineteen hundred, "temporarily
5 to provide revenues and a civil government for Porto Rico,
6 and for other purposes," and all natives of Porto Rico who
7 were temporarily absent from that island on April eleventh,
8 eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and have since returned
9 and are permanently residing in that island and are not
10 citizens of any foreign country, are hereby declared, and
11 shall be deemed and held to be, citizens of the United States:

1 *Provided*, That any person hereinbefore described may retain
2 his present political status by making a declaration, under
3 oath, of his decision to do so within six months of the taking
4 effect of this Act before the district court in the district in
5 which he resides, the declaration to be in form as follows:

6 “I, ——, being duly sworn, hereby declare my
7 intention not to become a citizen of the United States as pro-
8 vided in the Act of Congress conferring United States citizen-
9 ship upon citizens of Porto Rico and certain natives perma-
10 nently residing in said island.”

11 In the case of any such person who may be absent from
12 the island during said six months, the terms of this proviso
13 may be availed of by transmitting a declaration, under oath,
14 in the form herein provided within six months of the taking
15 effect of this Act, to the secretary of Porto Rico.

Passed the House of Representatives March 4, 1912.

Attest:

SOUTH TRIMBLE,

Clerk.

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