

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JULY 10, 1913.

Mr. POINDEXTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico.

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**A BILL**

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, entitled "An  
5 Act temporarily to provide revenues and a civil government  
6 for Porto Rico, and for other purposes," and all natives of  
7 Porto Rico who were temporarily absent from that island  
8 on April eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and  
9 have since returned and are permanently residing in that  
10 island and are not citizens of any foreign country, are hereby  
11 declared, and shall be deemed and held to be, citizens of the  
12 United States: *Provided*, That any person hereinbefore de-

1 scribed may retain his present political status by making a  
2 declaration, under oath, of his decision to do so within six  
3 months of the taking effect of this Act before the district  
4 court in the district in which he resides, the declaration to  
5 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  
8 provided in the Act of Congress conferring United States  
9 citizenship upon citizens of Porto Rico and certain natives  
10 permanently 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.



63<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS, }  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION. } **S. 2712.**

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