

86TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2396

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JULY 16, 1959

Mr. CHAVEZ introduced the following bill: which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

A BILL

To require the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to conduct a referendum to determine whether the people of such Commonwealth desire to be admitted into the Union as a State.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That in order that the Congress may obtain information
4 necessary for the appropriate exercise of its constitutional
5 powers, and without any intention of committing itself in any
6 way in the exercise of such powers, there shall be submitted
7 to the qualified voters of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in
8 a referendum to be held in accordance with the laws of such
9 Commonwealth, the question of whether the people of such
10 Commonwealth desire to be admitted into the Union as a

1 State. The President of the United States is requested to
2 notify the Congress of the results of such referendum after
3 receipt by him of the certification of such results from the
4 Governor of such Commonwealth.

5 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to
6 reimburse the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, out of appro-
7 priations which are hereby authorized to be made for the
8 purpose of this Act, for the actual and reasonable cost in-
9 curred by such Commonwealth in conducting the referendum
10 in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

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