

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

1 State of Arkansas  
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*As Engrossed: S3/28/01 S4/4/01*

## **A Bill**

**Act 1840 of 2001**  
**SENATE BILL 552**

5 By: Senator Gwatney  
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### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS  
9 IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### **Subtitle**

11 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CONGRESSIONAL  
12 DISTRICTS IN ARKANSAS.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 7-2-101 is amended to read as follows:  
20 7-2-101. Number of congressional districts.

21 The State of Arkansas is hereby divided into four (4) congressional  
22 districts, provided that the members of the House of Representatives of the  
23 United States Congress presently serving from each of the existing  
24 congressional districts of this state shall continue to serve until the  
25 expiration of their current terms, and successor congressmen shall be elected  
26 from the congressional districts as established in this subchapter. It is  
27 the intention of this subchapter to provide for congressional districts of  
28 substantially equal population in order to comply with the Equal Protection  
29 Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.  
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 7-2-102 is amended to read as follows:  
32 7-2-102. First Congressional District.

33 The First Congressional District shall be composed of the counties of:  
34 *Arkansas, Baxter, Clay, Cleburne, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Fulton,*  
35 *Greene, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, Lonoke, Mississippi,*  
36 *Monroe, Phillips, Prairie, Poinsett, Randolph, St. Francis, Searcy, Sharp,*

1 Stone, and Woodruff; and the qualified electors residing therein shall elect  
2 one (1) member of the House of Representatives of the United States.

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4 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 7-2-103 is amended to read as follows:

5 7-2-103. Second Congressional District.

6 The Second Congressional District shall be composed of the counties of:  
7 Conway, Faulkner, Perry, Pulaski, Saline, Van Buren, White, and Yell; and the  
8 qualified electors residing therein shall elect one (1) member of the House  
9 of Representatives of the United States.

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11 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 7-2-104 is amended to read as follows:

12 7-2-104. Third Congressional District.

13 The Third Congressional District shall be composed of the counties of:  
14 ~~Baxter~~, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, ~~Logan~~, Madison,  
15 Marion, Newton, ~~Polk~~, Pope, Sebastian, ~~Scott~~, and Washington; and the  
16 qualified electors residing therein shall elect one (1) member of the House  
17 of Representatives of the United States.

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19 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code 7-2-105 is amended to read as follows:

20 7-2-105. Fourth Congressional District.

21 The Fourth Congressional District shall be composed of the counties of:  
22 Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Desha,  
23 Drew, Garland, Grant, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Jefferson, Lafayette,  
24 Little River, Lincoln, Logan, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike,  
25 Polk, Scott, Sevier, and Union; and the qualified electors residing therein  
26 shall elect one (1) member of the House of Representatives of the United  
27 States.

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29 SECTION 6. If any provision of section 2, 3, 4 or 5 of this act is  
30 held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, sections 2 through 5 of  
31 this act shall be void and Arkansas Code 7-2-102 through 7-2-105 shall be  
32 repealed and the congressional districts of this state shall be as follows:

33 (1) The First Congressional District shall be composed of the  
34 counties of: Arkansas; Baxter; Clay; Cleburne; Craighead; Crittenden; Cross;  
35 Fulton; Greene; Independence; Izard; Jackson; Lawrence; Lee; Lonoke;  
36 Mississippi; Monroe; Phillips; Prairie; Poinsett; Randolph; St. Francis;

1 Searcy; Sharp; Stone; and Woodruff; and the qualified electors residing  
2 therein shall elect one (1) member of the House of Representatives of the  
3 United States;

4 (2) The Second Congressional District shall be composed of the  
5 counties of: Conway; Faulkner; Perry; precincts 20, 24, 56, and 57 of Pope  
6 County; Pulaski; Saline; Van Buren; White; and Yell; and the qualified  
7 electors residing therein shall elect one (1) member of the House of  
8 Representatives of the United States;

9 (3) The Third Congressional District shall be composed of the  
10 following counties or parts of counties: Benton; Boone; Carroll; Crawford;  
11 Franklin (except precincts 20, 23, 24, 26, and 28); Johnson; Madison; Marion;  
12 Newton; Pope(except precincts 20, 24, 56, and 57); Sebastian; and Washington;  
13 and the qualified electors residing therein shall elect one (1) member of the  
14 House of Representatives of the United States; and

15 (4) The Fourth Congressional District shall be composed of the  
16 following counties or parts of counties: Ashley; Bradley; Calhoun; Chicot;  
17 Clark; Cleveland; Columbia; Dallas; Desha; Drew; precincts 20, 23, 24, 26,  
18 and 28 of Franklin County; Garland; Grant; Hempstead; Hot Spring; Howard;  
19 Jefferson; Lafayette; Little River; Lincoln; Logan; Miller; Montgomery;  
20 Nevada; Ouachita; Pike; Polk; Scott; Sevier; and Union; and the qualified  
21 electors residing therein shall elect one (1) member of the House of  
22 Representatives of the United States.

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24 /s/ Gwatney

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27 APPROVED: BECAME LAW ON 4/20/2001, WITHOUT THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE.  
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