

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Senator Lewellen**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF THE
9 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO
10 CONFORM TO THE 1990 UNITED STATES CENSUS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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15 SECTION 1. (a) The state of Arkansas is hereby divided into four (4)
16 Congressional Districts, provided that the members of the House of
17 Representatives of the United States Congress presently serving from each of
18 the existing Congressional Districts of this state shall continue to serve
19 until the expiration of their current terms, and successor Congressmen shall
20 be elected from the Congressional Districts as established in this act.

21 (b) This plan calls for substantial changes in the present district
22 lines in order to create a district which contains the maximum percent
23 possible of minority citizens without crossing numerous county and precinct
24 lines. It is the intention of this act to provide for Congressional Districts
25 which both comply with the Voting Rights Act which prohibits the dilution of
26 minority votes and the Equal Protection of the 14th Amendment to the
27 Constitution of the United States by providing, as closely as possible, equal
28 populations in each district.

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30 SECTION 2. The First Congressional District shall be composed of the
31 following counties or portions of counties: Poinsett, Craighead, Greene,
32 Clay, Randolph, Lawrence, Jackson, White, Prairie, Arkansas, Cleburne, Van
33 Buren, Searcy, Independence, Sharp, Stone, Izard, Fulton, Baxter, Marion,
34 Pope, Johnson, Franklin, Madison, Logan, and that part of Mississippi County
35 not contained in the Fourth Congressional District; and the qualified electors

1 residing therein shall elect one (1) member of the House of Representatives of
2 the United States.

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4 SECTION 3. The Second Congressional District shall be composed of the
5 following counties or portions of counties: Lonoke, Faulkner, Conway, Perry,
6 Saline, Yell, Grant, Hot Springs, Dallas, Clark, Nevada, Miller, Lafayette;
7 and that portion of Pulaski County not in the Fourth Congressional District;
8 and the qualified electors residing therein shall elect one (1) member of the
9 House of Representatives of the United States.

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11 SECTION 4. The Third Congressional District shall be composed of the
12 following counties: Garland, Benton, Carroll, Boone, Newton, Washington,
13 Hempstead, Little River, Sevier, Howard, Polk, Montgomery, Scott, Sebastian,
14 Crawford, and Pike; and the qualified electors residing therein shall elect
15 one (1) member of the House of Representatives of the United States.

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17 SECTION 5. The Fourth Congressional District shall be composed of the
18 following counties or parts of counties: Crittenden, Cross, Woodruff, St.
19 Francis, Monroe, Lee, Phillips, Desha, Chicot, Ashley, Union, Ouachita,
20 Bradley, Cleveland, Lincoln, Drew, Jefferson, Calhoun, Columbia, that portion
21 of Mississippi County contained in current Arkansas House of Representatives
22 District 38, and the southern portion of Big Rock Township, in Pulaski County
23 and the southern portion of Hill Township in Pulaski County; and the qualified
24 electors residing therein shall elect one (1) member of the House of
25 Representatives of the United States.

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27 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
28 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
29 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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31 SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
32 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
33 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
34 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
35 act are declared to be severable.

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SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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