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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO IDENTIFY THE FOUR (4) UNITED STATES
10 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF ARKANSAS BASED ON THE MOST
11 RECENT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS DATA; TO DECLARE AN
12 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-2-102 is amended to read as follows:

25 7-2-102. First Congressional District.

26 (a) The First Congressional District shall be composed of+

27 ~~(1) The~~ the counties of Arkansas, Baxter, Boone, Chicot, Clay,
28 Cleburne, Conway, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Drew, Fulton, Greene,
29 Independence, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, ~~Leno~~oke, Marion,
30 Mississippi, Monroe, Newton, Phillips, ~~Prairie~~, Poinsett, Prairie, Randolph,
31 St. Francis, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, and Woodruff+
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33 ~~(2) The following voting districts of Jefferson County as they
existed on January 1, 2011:~~

34 ~~(A) 19 (Dunnington) voting district;~~

35 ~~(B) P15 (Dudley Lake) voting district;~~

36 ~~(C) 25 (Old River) voting district;~~



1 ~~(D) 57 (Villemont) voting district;~~
 2 ~~(E) P91 (Roberts) voting district;~~
 3 ~~(F) P851 (Humphrey) voting district; and~~
 4 ~~(G) P862 (Humphrey) voting district; and~~
 5 ~~(3) The voting districts and voting precincts of Searey County~~
 6 ~~as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~
 7 ~~104(a)(4).~~

8 (b) The qualified electors residing in the counties ~~and portion of~~
 9 ~~Jefferson County and Searey County~~ listed under subsection (a) of this
 10 section shall elect one (1) member of the United States House of
 11 Representatives.

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 13 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-2-103 is amended to read as follows:
 14 7-2-103. Second Congressional District.

15 (a) The Second Congressional District shall be composed of ~~the:~~
 16 (1) The counties of Conway, Faulkner, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski,
 17 Saline, Van Buren, and White; and
 18 (2) The voting precincts of Pulaski County as they existed on
 19 January 1, 2021, that are not listed under § 7-2-105(a)(2).

20 (b) The qualified electors residing in the counties and portions of
 21 Pulaski County listed under subsection (a) of this section shall elect one
 22 (1) member of the United States House of Representatives.

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 24 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-2-104 is amended to read as follows:
 25 7-2-104. Third Congressional District.

26 (a) The Third Congressional District shall be composed of:
 27 (1) The counties of Benton, ~~Boone,~~ Carroll, ~~Marion,~~ ~~Pope,~~
 28 Crawford, Madison, and Washington; and
 29 ~~(2) The voting districts and voting precincts of Crawford County~~
 30 ~~as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~
 31 ~~105(a)(2);~~
 32 ~~(3) The following voting districts of Newton County as they~~
 33 ~~existed on January 1, 2011:~~
 34 ~~(A) Big Creek voting district;~~
 35 ~~(B) Dogpatch voting district;~~
 36 ~~(C) Grove voting district;~~

- 1 ~~(M) Mulberry # 3 voting district;~~
- 2 ~~(N) Porter voting district;~~
- 3 ~~(O) Vine Prairie voting district;~~
- 4 ~~(P) Whitley voting district; and~~
- 5 ~~(Q) Winfrey voting district;~~

6 ~~(3) The voting districts and voting precincts of Jefferson~~
 7 ~~County as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~
 8 ~~102(a)(2);~~

9 ~~(4) The voting districts and voting precincts of Newton County~~
 10 ~~as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~
 11 ~~104(a)(3); and~~

12 The following voting precincts of Pulaski County as they existed
 13 on January 1, 2021:

- 14 (A) 054;
- 15 (B) 055;
- 16 (C) 082;
- 17 (D) 103;
- 18 (E) 104;
- 19 (F) 105;
- 20 (G) 122;
- 21 (H) 123;
- 22 (I) 124;
- 23 (J) 125;
- 24 (K) 126;
- 25 (L) 127;
- 26 (M) 128;
- 27 (N) 131;
- 28 (O) 132;
- 29 (P) 133; and
- 30 (Q) 135; and

31 ~~(5)(3)~~ The following voting ~~districts~~ precincts of Sebastian
 32 County as they existed on January 1, 2011 2021:

- 33 ~~(A) 9-1-A voting district 9-1N;~~
- 34 ~~(B) 9-1-B voting district 9-2G;~~
- 35 ~~(C) 9-1-C voting district 9-2K;~~
- 36 ~~(D) 9-1-D voting district 9-2L;~~

- 1 (E) ~~9-1 E voting district 9-3A;~~
- 2 (F) ~~9-1 Q voting district 9-3B;~~
- 3 (G) ~~9-2 E voting district 9-3C;~~
- 4 (H) ~~9-3D;~~
- 5 (I) 9-3 E voting district 9-3E;
- 6 ~~(I)(J) 9-3 F voting district 9-3F;~~
- 7 ~~(J)(K) 9-3 G voting district 9-3G;~~
- 8 ~~(K)(L) 9-3 H voting district 9-3H;~~
- 9 ~~(L)(M) 9-3 I voting district 9-3I;~~
- 10 ~~(M)(N) 9-3 J voting district 9-3J;~~
- 11 ~~(N)(O) 9-3 K voting district 9-3K;~~
- 12 ~~(O)(P) 9-3 L voting district 9-3L;~~ and
- 13 ~~(P) 9-3 M voting district~~
- 14 (Q) 9-4F.

15 (b) The qualified electors residing in the counties and portions of
 16 ~~Crawford County, Jefferson County, Newton County, Pulaski County,~~ and
 17 Sebastian County listed under subsection (a) of this section shall elect one
 18 (1) member of the United States House of Representatives.

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 20 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 21 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the General Assembly is
 22 responsible for establishing the four (4) United States Congressional
 23 Districts in the state; that the United States Congressional Districts are
 24 based on the information provided by the federal decennial census by the
 25 United States Bureau of the Census; that the federal decennial census data
 26 delivery was delayed; that the establishment of the four (4) United States
 27 Congressional Districts is necessary to provide equal representation of the
 28 citizens of Arkansas in the United States Congress; and that this act is
 29 immediately necessary because the establishment of the four (4) United States
 30 Congressional Districts must occur in adequate time for the candidates to
 31 file for office and for the citizens of Arkansas to have a fair election.
 32 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately
 33 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
 34 become effective on:

- 35 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- 36 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,

1 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
2 bill; or

3 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
4 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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