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A Bill

SENATE BILL 729

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE FOUR (4) CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
9 AS A RESULT OF THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL DECENNIAL
10 CENSUS DATA; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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17 THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS
18 DATA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-2-102 is amended to read as follows:
24 7-2-102. First Congressional District.

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

26 ~~(1) The~~ the counties of Arkansas, Baxter, Chicot, Clay,
27 Cleburne, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Fulton, Greene, Independence,
28 Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, ~~Lincoln,~~ Lonoke, Mississippi, Monroe,
29 Phillips, ~~Prairie,~~ Poinsett, Prairie, Randolph, St. Francis, Sharp, Stone,
30 White, and Woodruff+;

31 ~~(2) The following voting districts of Jefferson County as they~~
32 ~~existed on January 1, 2011+:~~

33 ~~(A) 19 (Dunnington) voting district+;~~

34 ~~(B) P15 (Dudley Lake) voting district+;~~

35 ~~(C) 25 (Old River) voting district+;~~

36 ~~(D) 57 (Villemont) voting district+;~~



1 ~~(G) White voting district;~~
2 ~~(4) The Prairie voting district of Searcy County as it existed~~
3 ~~on January 1, 2011; and~~
4 ~~(5) The voting districts and voting precincts of Sebastian~~
5 ~~County as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~
6 ~~105(a)(5).~~

7 (b) The qualified electors residing in the counties ~~and portions of~~
8 ~~Crawford County, Newton County, Searcy County, and Sebastian County~~ listed
9 under subsection (a) of this section shall elect one (1) member of the United
10 States House of Representatives.

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12 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-2-105 is amended to read as follows:
13 7-2-105. Fourth Congressional District.

14 (a) The Fourth Congressional District shall be composed of:
15 ~~(1) The~~ the counties of Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Clark,
16 Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Drew, ~~Franklin,~~ Garland, Grant, Hempstead, Hot
17 Spring, Howard, Jefferson, ~~Johnson,~~ Lafayette, Lincoln, Little River, Logan,
18 ~~Madison,~~ Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Scott, Sebastian,
19 Sevier, Union, and Yell;

20 ~~(2) The following voting districts of Crawford County as they~~
21 ~~existed on January 1, 2011:~~

- 22 ~~(A) Alma # 1 voting district;~~
- 23 ~~(B) Alma # 4 voting district;~~
- 24 ~~(C) Bidville voting district;~~
- 25 ~~(D) Chester voting district;~~
- 26 ~~(E) Dean Springs voting district;~~
- 27 ~~(F) Dyer voting district;~~
- 28 ~~(G) Eagle Crest voting district;~~
- 29 ~~(H) Kibler voting district;~~
- 30 ~~(I) Loeke voting district;~~
- 31 ~~(J) Mountain voting district;~~
- 32 ~~(K) Mulberry # 1 voting district;~~
- 33 ~~(L) Mulberry # 2 voting district;~~
- 34 ~~(M) Mulberry # 3 voting district;~~
- 35 ~~(N) Porter voting district;~~
- 36 ~~(O) Vine Prairie voting district;~~

1 United States Bureau of the Census; that the federal decennial census data
2 delivery was delayed; that the establishment of the four (4) United States
3 Congressional Districts is necessary to provide equal representation of the
4 citizens of Arkansas in the United States Congress; and that this act is
5 immediately necessary because the establishment of the four (4) United States
6 Congressional Districts must occur in adequate time for the candidates to
7 file for office and for the citizens of Arkansas to have a fair election.
8 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately
9 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
10 become effective on:

11 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

12 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
13 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
14 bill; or

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

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