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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS  
AND PRESIDENT BIDEN TO DIRECT THE UNITED STATES  
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DATA.  

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:  

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code § 7-2-101 establishes that Arkansas is divided  
into four (4) congressional districts, and the responsibility for the  
delineation of congressional districts of substantially equal population is  
given to the General Assembly; and  

WHEREAS, United States Bureau of the Census data is utilized to  
determine the population of Arkansas for redistricting purposes and the  
population distribution across the state; and  

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, State Board of Apportionment, counties,  
and municipalities depend on the official federal decennial census to
establish the state congressional districts, legislative districts, county
voting units, and municipal wards; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, State Board of Apportionment, counties,
and municipalities must establish state congressional districts, legislative
districts, county voting units, and municipal wards prior to the 2022
elections; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of the Census announced that it will
deliver the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data to all states by September
30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of the Census originally announced
the redistricting data would be provided to the states by March 31, 2021, and
has delayed this date multiple times; and

WHEREAS, the delay caused by the failure of the United States Bureau of
the Census to deliver the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data in a timely
fashion will result in financial and practical difficulties for the state;
and

WHEREAS, the redistricting of United States Congressional districts,
state legislative districts, county voting units, and city wards are affected
by the delay and the delay in delivery of the redistricting data will
potentially affect the ability of citizens to have equal representation based
on population distribution,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Senate urge the United States Congress and President Biden to
take action to require the United States Bureau of the Census to accelerate
the delivery of the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data to ensure adequate
time for the redistricting process prior to the 2022 elections.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be delivered to each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation.