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8 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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10 AND PRESIDENT BIDEN TO DIRECT THE UNITED STATES
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23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
24 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

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

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35 WHEREAS, the General Assembly, State Board of Apportionment, counties,
36 and municipalities depend on the official federal decennial census to



1 establish the state congressional districts, legislative districts, county
2 voting units, and municipal wards; and

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

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9 WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of the Census announced that it will
10 deliver the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data to all states by September
11 30, 2021; and

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

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17 WHEREAS, the delay caused by the failure of the United States Bureau of
18 the Census to deliver the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data in a timely
19 fashion will result in financial and practical difficulties for the state;
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22 WHEREAS, the redistricting of United States Congressional districts,
23 state legislative districts, county voting units, and city wards are affected
24 by the delay and the delay in delivery of the redistricting data will
25 potentially affect the ability of citizens to have equal representation based
26 on population distribution,

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28 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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32 THAT the Senate urge the United States Congress and President Biden to
33 take action to require the United States Bureau of the Census to accelerate
34 the delivery of the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data to ensure adequate
35 time for the redistricting process prior to the 2022 elections.

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be delivered to each
2 member of the Arkansas congressional delegation.

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