

1 State of Arkansas  
2 93rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2021  
4

As Engrossed: H10/6/21

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1982

5 By: Representative Speaks  
6 By: Senator J. English  
7

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF THE FOUR (4)  
10 UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF ARKANSAS; TO  
11 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
12  
13

### Subtitle

15 CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF THE FOUR (4)  
16 UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF  
17 ARKANSAS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
18  
19

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

22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §§ 7-2-102 – 7-2-105 are amended to read as*  
23 *follows:*

24 7-2-102. First Congressional District.

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

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

31 (2) The following voting ~~districts~~ precincts of ~~Jefferson~~  
32 Pulaski County as they existed on January 1, ~~2011~~ 2021:

33 (A) ~~19 (Dunnington) voting district~~ 047;

34 ~~(B) 15 (Dudley Lake) voting district;~~

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

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



1                   ~~(E) P91 (Roberts) voting district;~~  
 2                   ~~(F) P851 (Humphrey) voting district; and~~  
 3                   ~~(G) P862 (Humphrey) voting district;~~  
 4                   (B) 054; and  
 5                   (C) 055

6                   ~~(3) The voting districts and voting precincts of Searcy County~~  
 7 ~~as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~  
 8 ~~104(a)(4).~~

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

13  
 14                   7-2-103. Second Congressional District.

15                   (a) The Second Congressional District shall be composed of:  
 16                   (1) the The counties of Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Perry,  
 17 Pulaski, 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 § 7-2-102(a)(2) or § 7-2-  
 20 105(a)(2).

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

24  
 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, Crawford, Madison,  
 28 Marion, Pope, 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                   ~~(D) Hasty voting district;~~  
 2                   ~~(E) Polk voting district;~~  
 3                   ~~(F) Richland voting district; and~~  
 4                   ~~(G) White voting district;~~  
 5                   ~~(4) The Prairie voting district of Searcy County as it existed~~  
 6 ~~on January 1, 2011; and~~  
 7                   ~~(5) The voting districts and voting precincts of Sebastian~~  
 8 ~~County as they existed on January 1, 2011~~ 2021, that are not listed under §  
 9 ~~7-2-105(a)(5)~~ § 7-2-105(a)(3).

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

14

15                   7-2-105. Fourth Congressional District.

16                   (a) The Fourth Congressional District shall be composed of:

17                   (1) The counties of Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Clark, Cleveland,  
 18 Columbia, Dallas, Drew, Franklin, Garland, Grant, Hempstead, Hot Spring,  
 19 *Howard*, Jefferson, *Johnson*, *Lafayette*, *Little River*, *Logan*, ~~Madison~~, Miller,  
 20 Montgomery, Nevada, Newton, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Pope, Scott, Sevier, Union,  
 21 and Yell;

22                   (2) The following voting ~~districts~~ precincts of ~~Crawford~~ Pulaski  
 23 County as they existed on January 1, 2011 2021:

24                   (A) ~~Alma # 1 voting district~~ 103;  
 25                   ~~(B) Alma # 4 voting district;~~  
 26                   ~~(C) Bidville voting district;~~  
 27                   ~~(D) Chester voting district;~~  
 28                   ~~(E) Dean Springs voting district;~~  
 29                   ~~(F) Dyer voting district;~~  
 30                   ~~(G) Eagle Crest voting district;~~  
 31                   ~~(H) Kibler voting district;~~  
 32                   ~~(I) Locke voting district;~~  
 33                   ~~(J) Mountain voting district;~~  
 34                   ~~(K) Mulberry # 1 voting district;~~  
 35                   ~~(L) Mulberry # 2 voting district;~~  
 36                   ~~(M) Mulberry # 3 voting district;~~

1 ~~(N) Porter voting district;~~  
 2 ~~(O) Vine Prairie voting district;~~  
 3 ~~(P) Whitley voting district; and~~  
 4 ~~(Q) Winfrey voting district;~~  
 5 (B) 104;  
 6 (C) 105;  
 7 (D) 124;  
 8 (E) 125;  
 9 (F) 126;  
 10 (G) 127;  
 11 (H) 131;  
 12 (I) 132;  
 13 (J) 133; and  
 14 (K) 135; and

15 (3) ~~The voting districts and voting precincts of Jefferson~~  
 16 ~~County as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~  
 17 ~~102(a)(2);~~

18 ~~(4) The voting districts and voting precincts of Newton County~~  
 19 ~~as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~  
 20 ~~104(a)(3); and~~

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

23 ~~(A) 9-1-A voting district 9-2K;~~  
 24 ~~(B) 9-1-B voting district 9-2L;~~  
 25 ~~(C) 9-1-C voting district 9-3A;~~  
 26 ~~(D) 9-1-D voting district 9-3B;~~  
 27 ~~(E) 9-1-E voting district 9-3C;~~  
 28 ~~(F) 9-1-Q voting district 9-3D;~~  
 29 ~~(G) 9-2-E voting district;~~  
 30 ~~(H) 9-3-E voting district 9-3E;~~  
 31 ~~(I)(H) 9-3-F voting district; 9-3F;~~  
 32 ~~(J)(I) 9-3-G voting district 9-3G;~~  
 33 ~~(K)(J) 9-3-H voting district 9-3H;~~  
 34 ~~(L)(K) 9-3-I voting district 9-3I;~~  
 35 ~~(M)(L) 9-3-J voting district 9-3J;~~  
 36 ~~(N)(M) 9-3-K voting district 9-3K;~~

1 ~~(O)(N) 9-3 L voting district 9-3L;~~

2 ~~(O) 9-3M;~~

3 ~~(P) 9-3N;~~

4 ~~(Q) 9-3O;~~

5 ~~(R) 9-3P; and~~

6 ~~(P)(S) 9-3 M voting district 9-4F.~~

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

11  
12 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
13 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the General Assembly is  
14 responsible for establishing the four (4) United States Congressional  
15 Districts in the state; that the four (4) United States Congressional  
16 Districts are based on the information provided by the federal decennial  
17 census by the United States Bureau of the Census; that the federal decennial  
18 census data delivery was delayed; that the establishment of the four (4)  
19 United States Congressional Districts is necessary to provide equal  
20 representation of the citizens of Arkansas in the United States Congress; and  
21 that this act is immediately necessary because the establishment of the four  
22 (4) United States Congressional Districts must occur in adequate time for the  
23 candidates to file for office and for the citizens of Arkansas to have a fair  
24 election. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being  
25 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and  
26 safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

33  
34 /s/Speaks

35 APPROVED: BECAME LAW ON 10/13/21 WITHOUT THE GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE.

36