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2 93rd General Assembly **A Bill**
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SENATE BILL 743

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

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8 **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.

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14 **Subtitle**

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16 UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF
17 ARKANSAS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

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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) P15 (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.

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 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.

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 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.

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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;~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

/s/J. English

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