

1 **State of Arkansas**

2 **78th General Assembly**

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4 **By: Representative Hutchinson, Representative Brownlee**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF THE

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO

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CONFORM TO THE 1990 UNITED STATES CENSUS; AND FOR OTHER

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PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. (a) The state of Arkansas is hereby divided into four (4)

16 Congressional Districts, provided that the members of the House of

17 Representatives of the United States Congress presently serving from each of

18 the existing Congressional Districts of this state shall continue to serve

19 until the expiration of their current terms, and successor Congressmen shall

20 be elected from the Congressional Districts as established in this act.

21 (b) This plan is designed so as not to dilute the voting strength of

22 Arkansas's minority citizens; therefore, the plan calls for substantial

23 changes in the present district lines in order to create a district which

24 contains approximately forty-one percent (41%) black population, which is the

25 maximum percent obtainable without crossing numerous county and precinct

26 lines. This is important because the Voting Rights Act prohibits the dilution

27 of minority votes.

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29 SECTION 2. The First Congressional District shall be composed of the

30 counties of: Baxter, Cleburne, Clay, Craighead, Conway, Fulton, Faulkner,

31 Greene, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Lonoke, Mississippi, Poinsett,

32 Prairie, Randolph, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, and White; and the

33 qualified electors residing therein shall elect one (1) member of the House of

34 Representatives of the United States.

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1 SECTION 3. The Second Congressional District shall be composed of the
2 counties of: Clark, Cleveland, Garland, Grant, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard,
3 Little River, Miller, Perry, Pike, Saline, Sevier, and all of Pulaski County
4 not specifically designated in the Fourth Congressional District by Section 5;
5 and the qualified electors residing therein shall elect one (1) member of the
6 House of Representatives of the United States.

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8 SECTION 4. The Third Congressional District shall be composed of the
9 counties of: Benton, Boone, Carroll, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan,
10 Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Newton, Polk, Pope, Scott, Sebastian, Washington,
11 and Yell; and the qualified electors residing therein shall elect one (1)
12 member of the House of Representatives of the United States.

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14 SECTION 5. The Fourth Congressional District shall be composed of the
15 counties of: Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Crittenden, Cross,
16 Columbia, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Lafayette, Jefferson, Lee, Lincoln, Monroe,
17 Nevada, Ouachita, Phillips, St. Francis, Union, Woodruff, and the following
18 portions of Pulaski County as designated by these voting precinct numbers:
19 360, 450, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 480, 482, 483, 484, 490, 491,
20 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 499, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547,
21 550, 551, 600, 601, 607, 625, 640, 641, 642, 643, and 644; electors residing
22 therein shall elect one (1) member of the House of Representatives of the
23 United States.

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25 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
26 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
27 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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29 SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
30 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
31 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
32 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
33 act are declared to be severable.

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35 SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
36 hereby repealed.

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/s/ Tim Hutchinson and Christene Brownlee