

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1991**  
4 **By: Representative McGee**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF THE  
9 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO  
10 CONFORM TO THE 1990 UNITED STATES CENSUS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 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 calls for substantial changes in the present district  
22 lines in order to create a district which contains the maximum percent  
23 possible of minority citizens without crossing numerous county and precinct  
24 lines. It is the intention of this act to provide for Congressional  
25 Districts which both comply with the Voting Rights Act which prohibits the  
26 dilution of minority votes and the Equal Protection of the 14th Amendment to  
27 the Constitution of the United States by providing, as closely as possible,  
28 equal populations in each district.

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30 SECTION 2. The First Congressional District shall be composed of the  
31 following counties or portions of counties: Craighead, Greene, Clay,  
32 Randolph, Lawrence, Jackson, White, Prairie, Arkansas, Cleburne, Van Buren,  
33 Searcy, Independence, Sharp, Stone, IZARD, Fulton, Baxter, Marion, Pope,  
34 Johnson, Franklin, Madison, Logan, and Mississippi County; and the qualified  
35 electors residing therein shall elect one (1) member of the House of

1 Representatives of the United States.

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3 SECTION 3. The Second Congressional District shall be composed of the  
4 following counties or portions of counties: Lonoke, Faulkner, Conway, Perry,  
5 Saline, Yell, Grant, Hot Springs, Dallas, Clark, Nevada, Miller, Lafayette;  
6 and that portion of Pulaski County not in the Fourth Congressional District;  
7 and the qualified electors residing therein shall elect one (1) member of the  
8 House of Representatives of the United States.

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10 SECTION 4. The Third Congressional District shall be composed of the  
11 following counties: Garland, Benton, Carroll, Boone, Newton, Washington,  
12 Hempstead, Little River, Sevier, Howard, Polk, Montgomery, Scott, Sebastian,  
13 Crawford, and Pike; and the qualified electors residing therein shall elect  
14 one (1) member of the House of Representatives of the United States.

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16 SECTION 5. The Fourth Congressional District shall be composed of the  
17 following counties or parts of counties: Poinsett, Crittenden, Cross,  
18 Woodruff, St. Francis, Monroe, Lee, Phillips, Desha, Chicot, Ashley, Union,  
19 Ouachita, Bradley, Cleveland, Lincoln, Drew, Jefferson, Calhoun, Columbia, and  
20 the southern portion of Big Rock Township, in Pulaski County and the southern  
21 portion of Hill Township in Pulaski County; and the qualified electors  
22 residing therein shall elect one (1) member of the House of Representatives of  
23 the 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

1 hereby repealed.

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