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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 741

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE  
9 GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS  
10 OF ARKANSAS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE  
16 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF ARKANSAS; AND  
17 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-2-102 is amended to read as 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, Sharp, Stone,  
30 and Woodruff;

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

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

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; and~~
- 4                   (B) Coin;
- 5                   (C) Dry Fork;
- 6                   (D) Long Creek;
- 7                   (E) Osage; and
- 8                   (F) Piney; and

9                   (3) The following voting precincts of Pulaski County as they  
 10 existed on January 1, 2021:

- 11                   (A) 046;
- 12                   (B) 047;
- 13                   (C) 048;
- 14                   (D) 053;
- 15                   (E) 054; and
- 16                   (F) 055

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

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

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 25                   SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-2-103 is amended to read as follows:  
 26                   7-2-103. Second Congressional District.

27                   (a) The Second Congressional District shall be composed of ~~the~~

28                   (1) The counties of Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Perry, Pulaski,  
 29 Saline, Van Buren, and White; and

30                   (2) The voting precincts of Pulaski County as they existed on  
 31 January 1, 2021, that are not listed under § 7-2-102(a)(3) or § 7-2-  
 32 105(a)(2).

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

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SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-2-104 is amended to read as follows:  
7-2-104. Third Congressional District.

(a) The Third Congressional District shall be composed of:

(1) The counties of Benton, ~~Boone, Carroll, Marion, Pope,~~  
Crawford, Madison, Sebastian, and Washington; and

(2) The ~~voting districts and~~ voting precincts of ~~Crawford~~  
Carroll County as they existed on January 1, ~~2011~~ 2021, that are not listed  
under ~~§ 7-2-105(a)(2); § 7-2-102(a)(2)~~

~~(3) The following voting districts of Newton County as they  
existed on January 1, 2011:~~

~~(A) Big Creek voting district;~~

~~(B) Dogpatch voting district;~~

~~(C) Grove voting district;~~

~~(D) Hasty voting district;~~

~~(E) Polk voting district;~~

~~(F) Richland voting district; and~~

~~(G) White voting district;~~

~~(4) The Prairie voting district of Searcy County as it existed  
on January 1, 2011; and~~

~~(5) The voting districts and voting precincts of Sebastian  
County as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-  
105(a)(5).~~

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

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-2-105 is amended to read as follows:  
7-2-105. Fourth Congressional District.

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

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

(2) The following voting ~~districts~~ precincts of ~~Crawford~~ Pulaski

1 County as they existed on January 1, ~~2011~~ 2021:

- 2 (A) Alma # 1 voting district 104;
- 3 ~~(B) Alma # 4 voting district;~~
- 4 ~~(C) Bidville voting district;~~
- 5 ~~(D) Chester voting district;~~
- 6 ~~(E) Dean Springs voting district;~~
- 7 ~~(F) Dyer voting district;~~
- 8 ~~(G) Eagle Crest voting district;~~
- 9 ~~(H) Kibler voting district;~~
- 10 ~~(I) Loeke voting district;~~
- 11 ~~(J) Mountain voting district;~~
- 12 ~~(K) Mulberry # 1 voting district;~~
- 13 ~~(L) Mulberry # 2 voting district;~~
- 14 ~~(M) Mulberry # 3 voting district;~~
- 15 ~~(N) Porter voting district;~~
- 16 ~~(O) Vine Prairie voting district;~~
- 17 ~~(P) Whitley voting district; and~~
- 18 ~~(Q) Winfrey voting district;~~
- 19 (B) 105;
- 20 (C) 125;
- 21 (D) 126;
- 22 (E) 127;
- 23 (F) 129;
- 24 (G) 130;
- 25 (H) 131;
- 26 (I) 132;
- 27 (J) 133;
- 28 (K) 134; and
- 29 (L) 135

30 ~~(3) The voting districts and voting precincts of Jefferson~~  
 31 ~~County as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~  
 32 ~~102(a)(2);~~

33 ~~(4) The voting districts and voting precincts of Newton County~~  
 34 ~~as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~  
 35 ~~104(a)(3); and~~

36 ~~(5) The following voting districts of Sebastian County as they~~

1 ~~existed on January 1, 2011:~~

- 2 ~~(A) 9-1 A voting district;~~
- 3 ~~(B) 9-1 B voting district;~~
- 4 ~~(C) 9-1 C voting district;~~
- 5 ~~(D) 9-1 D voting district;~~
- 6 ~~(E) 9-1 E voting district;~~
- 7 ~~(F) 9-1 Q voting district;~~
- 8 ~~(G) 9-2 E voting district;~~
- 9 ~~(H) 9-3 E voting district;~~
- 10 ~~(I) 9-3 F voting district;~~
- 11 ~~(J) 9-3 G voting district;~~
- 12 ~~(K) 9-3 H voting district;~~
- 13 ~~(L) 9-3 I voting district;~~
- 14 ~~(M) 9-3 J voting district;~~
- 15 ~~(N) 9-3 K voting district;~~
- 16 ~~(O) 9-3 L voting district; and~~
- 17 ~~(P) 9-3 M voting district.~~

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

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23 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
 24 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the General Assembly is  
 25 responsible for establishing the four (4) United States Congressional  
 26 Districts in the state; that the United States Congressional Districts are  
 27 based on the information provided by the federal decennial census by the  
 28 United States Bureau of the Census; that the federal decennial census data  
 29 delivery was delayed; that the establishment of the four (4) United States  
 30 Congressional Districts is necessary to provide equal representation of the  
 31 citizens of Arkansas in the United States Congress; and that this act is  
 32 immediately necessary because the establishment of the four (4) United States  
 33 Congressional Districts must occur in adequate time for the candidates to  
 34 file for office and for the citizens of Arkansas to have a fair election.  
 35 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately  
 36 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall

1 become effective on:

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

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

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

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