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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 742

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FOUR (4)  
10 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IN ARKANSAS; TO  
11 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 (4) CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IN  
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 is amended to read as follows:

23 7-2-102. First Congressional District.

24 (a) The First Congressional District shall be composed of+

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

30 ~~(2) The following voting districts of Jefferson County as they~~  
31 ~~existed on January 1, 2011+:~~

32 ~~(A) 19 (Dunnington) voting district+;~~

33 ~~(B) P15 (Dudley Lake) voting district+;~~

34 ~~(C) 25 (Old River) voting district+;~~

35 ~~(D) 57 (Villemont) voting district+;~~

36 ~~(E) P91 (Roberts) voting district+;~~









1 ~~County~~ listed under subsection (a) of this section shall elect one (1) member  
2 of the United States House of Representatives.

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4 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
5 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the General Assembly is  
6 responsible for establishing the four (4) United States Congressional  
7 Districts in the state; that the United States Congressional Districts are  
8 based on the information provided by the federal decennial census by the  
9 United States Bureau of the Census; that the federal decennial census data  
10 delivery was delayed; that the establishment of the four (4) United States  
11 Congressional Districts is necessary to provide equal representation of the  
12 citizens of Arkansas in the United States Congress; and that this act is  
13 immediately necessary because the establishment of the four (4) United States  
14 Congressional Districts must occur in adequate time for the candidates to  
15 file for office and for the citizens of Arkansas to have a fair election.  
16 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately  
17 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall  
18 become effective on:

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

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

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

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