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A Bill

SENATE BILL 744

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO IDENTIFY THE FOUR (4) UNITED STATES
10 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF ARKANSAS BASED ON THE MOST
11 RECENT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS DATA; TO DECLARE AN
12 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-2-102 is amended to read as follows:
25 7-2-102. First Congressional District.

26 (a) The First Congressional District shall be composed of:

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

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

34 ~~(A) 19 (Dunnington) voting district;~~

35 ~~(B) P15 (Dudley Lake) voting district;~~

36 ~~(C) 25 (Old River) voting district;~~



- ~~(D) 57 (Villemont) voting district;~~
- ~~(E) P91 (Roberts) voting district;~~
- ~~(F) P851 (Humphrey) voting district; and~~
- ~~(G) P862 (Humphrey) voting district; and~~

~~(3) The voting districts and voting precincts of Searey County Conway County as they existed on January 1, 2011 2021, that are not listed under § 7-2-104(a)(4) § 7-2-105(a)(2).~~

(b) The qualified electors residing in the counties and ~~portion~~ portions of ~~Jefferson County and Searey County~~ Conway County listed under subsection (a) of this section shall elect one (1) member of the United States House of Representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

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, and Washington; and

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

- 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 Searey 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)(4).

10 (b) The qualified electors residing in the counties and portions of
 11 ~~Crawford County, Newton County, Searey 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 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-2-105 is amended to read as follows:
 16 7-2-105. Fourth Congressional District.

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

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

23 (2) ~~The following voting districts of Crawford County as they~~
 24 ~~existed on January 1, 2011:~~

- 25 ~~(A) Alma # 1 voting district;~~
- 26 ~~(B) Alma # 4 voting district;~~
- 27 ~~(C) Bidville voting district;~~
- 28 ~~(D) Chester voting district;~~
- 29 ~~(E) Dean Springs voting district;~~
- 30 ~~(F) Dyer voting district;~~
- 31 ~~(G) Eagle Crest voting district;~~
- 32 ~~(H) Kibler voting district;~~
- 33 ~~(I) Locke voting district;~~
- 34 ~~(J) Mountain voting district;~~
- 35 ~~(K) Mulberry # 1 voting district;~~
- 36 ~~(L) Mulberry # 2 voting district;~~

- 1 ~~(M) Mulberry # 3 voting district;~~
- 2 ~~(N) Porter voting district;~~
- 3 ~~(O) Vine Prairie voting district;~~
- 4 ~~(P) Whitley voting district; and~~
- 5 ~~(Q) Winfrey voting district;~~

6 ~~(3) The voting districts and voting precincts of Jefferson~~
 7 ~~County as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~
 8 ~~102(a)(2);~~

9 ~~(4) The voting districts and voting precincts of Newton County~~
 10 ~~as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~
 11 ~~104(a)(3); and~~

12 The following voting precincts of Conway County as they existed
 13 on January 1, 2021:

- 14 (A) 002 - Bentley City;
- 15 (B) 008 - Higgins;
- 16 (C) 009 - Cedar Falls;
- 17 (D) 016 - White Eagle;
- 18 (E) 019 - Martin;
- 19 (F) 022 - Bentley Rural; and
- 20 (G) 026 - Petit Jean;

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

- 23 (A) 054;
- 24 (B) 055;
- 25 (C) 082;
- 26 (D) 103;
- 27 (E) 104;
- 28 (F) 105;
- 29 (G) 122;
- 30 (H) 123;
- 31 (I) 124;
- 32 (J) 125;
- 33 (K) 126;
- 34 (L) 127;
- 35 (M) 128;
- 36 (N) 131;

1 delivery was delayed; that the establishment of the four (4) United States
2 Congressional Districts is necessary to provide equal representation of the
3 citizens of Arkansas in the United States Congress; and that this act is
4 immediately necessary because the establishment of the four (4) United States
5 Congressional Districts must occur in adequate time for the candidates to
6 file for office and for the citizens of Arkansas to have a fair election.
7 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately
8 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
9 become effective on:

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

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

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

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