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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN  
9 ARKANSAS BASED UPON THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL DECENNIAL  
10 CENSUS DATA; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 IN ARKANSAS BASED UPON THE MOST RECENT  
16 FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS DATA; AND TO  
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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, Chicot, Clay, Cleburne,  
27 Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Fulton, Greene, Independence, Izard,  
28 Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Lonoke, Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips,  
29 ~~Prairie~~, Poinsett, Prairie, Randolph, St. Francis, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, and  
30 Woodruff;

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

- 33 (A) ~~19 (Dunnington) voting district 9;~~  
34 ~~(B) 15 (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;~~
- 4                   (B) 10; and

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

- 7                   (A) 035;
- 8                   (B) 036;
- 9                   (C) 037;
- 10                  (D) 038;
- 11                  (E) 045;
- 12                  (F) 046;
- 13                  (G) 047;
- 14                  (H) 048;
- 15                  (I) 053;
- 16                  (J) 054; and
- 17                  (K) 055

18                  ~~(3) The voting districts and voting precincts of Searcy County~~  
 19 ~~as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~  
 20 ~~104(a)(4).~~

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

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

27                  7-2-103. Second Congressional District.

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

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

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

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.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-2-102 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, Madison, ~~Marion~~, ~~Pope~~, Sebastian, and Washington; and

(2) The voting ~~districts and voting~~ precincts of Crawford County as they existed on January 1, ~~2011~~ 2021, 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;~~

~~(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~~ 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, Boone, Bradley, Calhoun, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Drew, Franklin, Garland, Grant, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Johnson, Lafayette, Little River, Logan, ~~Madison~~, Marion, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Newton, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Pope, Scott, Sevier, and Union, ~~and Yell~~;

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

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

- 2 (A) Alma # 1 voting district;
- 3 ~~(B) Alma # 4 voting district;~~
- 4 ~~(C) Bidville voting district;~~
- 5 ~~(D)(B) Chester voting district;~~
- 6 ~~(E)(C) Dean Springs voting district;~~
- 7 ~~(F)(D) Dyer voting district;~~
- 8 ~~(G) Eagle Crest voting district;~~
- 9 ~~(H) Kibler voting district;~~
- 10 ~~(I)(E) Locke voting district;~~
- 11 ~~(J)(F) Mountain voting district;~~
- 12 ~~(K)(G) Mulberry # 1 voting district 01;~~
- 13 ~~(L)(H) Mulberry # 2 voting district 02;~~
- 14 ~~(M)(I) Mulberry # 3 voting district 03;~~
- 15 ~~(N)(J) Porter voting district;~~
- 16 ~~(O)(K) Vine Prairie voting district;~~
- 17 ~~(P)(L) Whitley voting district; and~~
- 18 ~~(Q)(M) Winfrey voting district; and~~

19 (3) The voting ~~districts and voting~~ precincts of Jefferson  
 20 County as they existed on January 1, ~~2011~~ 2021, that are not listed under §  
 21 7-2-102(a)(2);

22 ~~(4) The voting districts and voting precincts of Newton County~~  
 23 ~~as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~  
 24 ~~104(a)(3); and~~

25 ~~(5) The following voting districts of Sebastian County as they~~  
 26 ~~existed on January 1, 2011:~~

- 27 ~~(A) 9-1-A voting district;~~
- 28 ~~(B) 9-1-B voting district;~~
- 29 ~~(C) 9-1-C voting district;~~
- 30 ~~(D) 9-1-D voting district;~~
- 31 ~~(E) 9-1-E voting district;~~
- 32 ~~(F) 9-1-Q voting district;~~
- 33 ~~(G) 9-2-E voting district;~~
- 34 ~~(H) 9-3-E voting district;~~
- 35 ~~(I) 9-3-F voting district;~~
- 36 ~~(J) 9-3-G voting district;~~

1           ~~(K) — 9 3 H voting district;~~  
 2           ~~(L) — 9 3 I voting district;~~  
 3           ~~(M) — 9 3 J voting district;~~  
 4           ~~(N) — 9 3 K voting district;~~  
 5           ~~(O) — 9 3 L voting district; and~~  
 6           ~~(P) — 9 3 M voting district.~~

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

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

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

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

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