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SYNOPSIS: Sections 199 and 200 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, require the Legislature to redistrict and reapportion the Alabama Senate and the House of Representatives following the release of each federal decennial census.

This bill would divide the state into districts for the purpose of electing members of the Alabama Senate until the next federal census is released.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To provide for the reapportionment and redistricting of the state into districts for the purpose of electing the members of the Alabama Senate until the release of the next federal census; and to repeal and reenact Section 29-1-2.3, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Senate districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Section 29-1-2.3, Code of Alabama 1975,
2 relating to the existing Senate districts, is repealed.

3 Section 2. Section 29-1-2.3 is added to the Code of
4 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

5 §29-1-2.3

6 (a) The Alabama Senate shall consist of 35 members.
7 Each member elected shall reside in the district which he or
8 she represents or seeks to represent. The State of Alabama is
9 divided into 35 Senate Districts as provided in subsection
10 (b).

11 (b) The numbers and boundaries of the districts are
12 designated and established by the map prepared by the
13 Permanent Legislative Committee on Reapportionment and
14 identified and labeled as McClendon Senate Plan 1, including
15 the corresponding boundary description provided by the census
16 tracts, blocks, and counties, and are incorporated by
17 reference as part of this section.

18 (c) The Legislature shall post for viewing on its
19 public website the map referenced in subsection (b), including
20 the corresponding boundary description provided by the census
21 tracts, blocks, and counties, and any alternative map,
22 including the corresponding boundary description provided by
23 the census tracts, blocks, and counties, introduced by any
24 member of the Legislature during the legislative session in
25 which this section is added or amended.

26 (d) Upon enactment of the act adding this section
27 and adopting the map identified in subsection (b), the

1 Secretary of the Senate shall transmit the map and the
2 corresponding boundary description provided by the census
3 tracts, blocks, and counties identified in subsection (b) for
4 certification and posting on the public website of the
5 Secretary of State.

6 (e) The boundary descriptions provided by the
7 certified map referenced in subsection (b) shall prevail over
8 the boundary descriptions provided by the census tracts,
9 blocks, and counties generated for the map.

10 Section 3. The provisions of this act are severable.
11 If any part of this act is declared invalid or
12 unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part
13 which remains.

14 Section 4. This act shall become effective
15 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or
16 upon its otherwise becoming a law.