



1 (b) FINDING.—Congress finds that it has the author-  
2 ity to establish the terms and conditions States must fol-  
3 low in carrying out Congressional redistricting after an  
4 apportionment of Members of the House of Representa-  
5 tives because—

6 (1) the authority granted to Congress under ar-  
7 ticle I, section 4 of the Constitution of the United  
8 States gives Congress the power to enact laws gov-  
9 erning the time, place, and manner of elections for  
10 Members of the House of Representatives; and

11 (2) the authority granted to Congress under  
12 section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Con-  
13 stitution gives Congress the power to enact laws to  
14 enforce section 2 of such amendment, which requires  
15 Representatives to be apportioned among the several  
16 States according to their number.

17 **SEC. 2. LIMIT ON CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING AFTER**  
18 **AN APPORTIONMENT.**

19 The Act entitled “An Act for the relief of Doctor Ri-  
20 cardo Vallejo Samala and to provide for congressional re-  
21 districting”, approved December 14, 1967 (2 U.S.C. 2e),  
22 is amended by adding at the end the following: “A State  
23 which has been redistricted in the manner provided by law  
24 after an apportionment under section 22(a) of the Act en-  
25 titled ‘An Act to provide for the fifteenth and subsequent

1 decennial censuses and to provide for an apportionment  
2 of Representatives in Congress', approved June 18, 1929  
3 (2 U.S.C. 2a), may not be redistricted again until after  
4 the next apportionment of Representatives under such sec-  
5 tion, unless a court requires the State to conduct such  
6 subsequent redistricting to comply with the Constitution  
7 or to enforce the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.  
8 1973 et seq.).”.

9 **SEC. 3. REQUIRING REDISTRICTING TO BE CONDUCTED**  
10 **THROUGH PLAN OF INDEPENDENT STATE**  
11 **COMMISSION OR PLAN OF HIGHEST STATE**  
12 **COURT.**

13 (a) USE OF PLAN REQUIRED.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
15 provision of law, any Congressional redistricting con-  
16 ducted by a State shall be conducted in accordance  
17 with—

18 (A) the redistricting plan developed by the  
19 independent redistricting commission estab-  
20 lished in the State, in accordance with section  
21 5; or

22 (B) if the plan developed by such commis-  
23 sion is not enacted into law, the redistricting  
24 plan selected by the highest court in the State

1 or developed by a United States district court,  
2 in accordance with section 6.

3 (2) OTHER CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES PER-  
4 MITTED.—Nothing in this Act or the amendments  
5 made by this Act may be construed to prohibit a  
6 State from conducting Congressional redistricting in  
7 accordance with such criteria and procedures as the  
8 State considers appropriate, to the extent that such  
9 criteria and procedures are consistent with the appli-  
10 cable requirements of this Act and the amendments  
11 made by this Act.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 22(c) of  
13 the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the fifteenth and  
14 subsequent decennial censuses and to provide for an ap-  
15 portionment of Representatives in Congress”, approved  
16 June 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a(c)), is amended by striking  
17 “in the manner provided by the law thereof” and insert-  
18 ing: “in the manner provided by the Redistricting Reform  
19 Act of 2013”.

20 **SEC. 4. INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION.**

21 (a) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall establish  
23 an independent redistricting commission composed  
24 of the following members, each of whom is among

1 the pool of nominees presented to the legislature by  
2 the Governor of the State under subsection (b)(1):

3 (A) A number of members who are affili-  
4 ated with the political party with the largest  
5 percentage of the registered voters in the State  
6 who are affiliated with a political party and a  
7 number of members who are affiliated with the  
8 political party with the second largest percent-  
9 age of the registered voters in the State who  
10 are affiliated with a political party (as deter-  
11 mined with respect to the most recent State-  
12 wide election for Federal office held in the  
13 State for which such information is available),  
14 such that the percentage of the members of the  
15 commission who are affiliated with each such  
16 party is (to the greatest extent practicable)  
17 equal to the percentage of registered voters in  
18 the State who are affiliated with such party, ap-  
19 pointed with the approval of at least 2 of the  
20 following:

21 (i) The leader of the party with the  
22 greatest number of seats in the upper  
23 house of the State legislature.

1                   (ii) The leader of the party with the  
2                   second greatest number of seats in the  
3                   upper house of the State legislature.

4                   (iii) The leader of the party with the  
5                   greatest number of seats in the lower  
6                   house of the State legislature.

7                   (iv) The leader of the party with the  
8                   second greatest number of seats in the  
9                   lower house of the State legislature.

10                  (B) A number of members who are not af-  
11                  filiated with any of the political parties referred  
12                  to in subparagraph (A), who shall be appointed  
13                  by not fewer than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the members appointed  
14                  under subparagraph (A), such that the percent-  
15                  age of the members of the commission who are  
16                  appointed under this subparagraph is (to the  
17                  greatest extent practicable) equal to the per-  
18                  centage of registered voters in the State who  
19                  are not affiliated with any of the political par-  
20                  ties referred to in subparagraph (A) (with re-  
21                  spect to the most recent statewide election for  
22                  Federal office held in the State for which such  
23                  information is available).

24                  (2) SPECIAL RULE FOR STATES WITH UNICAM-  
25                  ERAL LEGISLATURE.—In the case of a State with a

1 unicameral legislature, the independent redistricting  
2 commission established under this subsection shall  
3 be composed of the following members, each of  
4 whom is among the pool of nominees presented to  
5 the legislature by the Governor of the State under  
6 subsection (b)(1):

7 (A) A number of members who are affili-  
8 ated with the political party with the largest  
9 percentage of the registered voters in the State  
10 who are affiliated with a political party and a  
11 number of members who are affiliated with the  
12 political party with the second largest percent-  
13 age of the registered voters in the State who  
14 are affiliated with a political party (as deter-  
15 mined with respect to the most recent State-  
16 wide election for Federal office held in the  
17 State for which such information is available),  
18 such that the percentage of the members of the  
19 commission who are affiliated with each such  
20 party is (to the greatest extent practicable)  
21 equal to the percentage of registered voters in  
22 the State who are affiliated with such party, ap-  
23 pointed with the approval of at least one of the  
24 following:

1 (i) The leader of the party with the  
2 greatest number of seats in the legislature.

3 (ii) The leader of the party with the  
4 second greatest number of seats in the leg-  
5 islature.

6 (B) A number of members who are not af-  
7 filiated with any of the political parties referred  
8 to in subparagraph (A), who shall be appointed  
9 by not fewer than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the members appointed  
10 under subparagraph (A), such that the percent-  
11 age of the members of the commission who are  
12 appointed under this subparagraph is (to the  
13 greatest extent practicable) equal to the per-  
14 centage of registered voters in the State who  
15 are not affiliated with any of the political par-  
16 ties referred to in subparagraph (A) (with re-  
17 spect to the most recent statewide election for  
18 Federal office held in the State for which such  
19 information is available).

20 (3) NUMBER OF MEMBERS.—A State's inde-  
21 pendent redistricting commission established under  
22 this subsection shall have such number of members  
23 as the Governor of the State determines, except that  
24 the commission may not have more than 19 mem-  
25 bers.



1           (4) CHAIR.—Members of an independent redistricting commission established under this subsection  
2 shall select by majority vote one member to serve as  
3 chair of the commission.  
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5           (5) REPRESENTATION OF VARIOUS DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS.—The membership of a State’s  
6 independent redistricting commission established  
7 under this subsection shall reflect various demographic groups of the State, including various ages,  
8 races, ethnicities, genders, and individuals from various geographic regions of the State. Nothing in this  
9 paragraph shall be construed to establish a specific  
10 quota for the number of members of a commission  
11 who are affiliated with any demographic group.  
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13           (6) DETERMINATION OF POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION.—For purposes of this subsection, an individual shall be considered to be affiliated with a  
14 political party if the individual is registered with the  
15 party with respect to each of the 3 most recent elections for Federal office occurring prior to the individual’s appointment.  
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18 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—

19 (1) POOL OF NOMINEES.—

20 (A) DEVELOPMENT OF POOL BY GOVERNOR.—The Governor of each State shall de-

1           velop a pool of nominees for membership on the  
2           State’s independent redistricting commission  
3           and present that pool to the legislature of the  
4           State.

5           (B) INDIVIDUALS WITHIN POOL.—The  
6           Governor shall include an individual within the  
7           pool of nominees under this paragraph if—

8                   (i) the individual submits an applica-  
9                   tion to the Governor for inclusion in the  
10                  pool, at such time as the Governor may re-  
11                  quire; and

12                  (ii) the individual meets the criteria  
13                  for eligibility under paragraph (2) for serv-  
14                  ice as a member of the independent redis-  
15                  tricting commission.

16           (C) PUBLICATION OF NAMES OF APPLI-  
17           CANTS AND REASONS FOR REJECTION OF IN-  
18           CLUSION.—The Governor shall make public—

19                   (i) the name of each individual who  
20                   applies to be included in the pool under  
21                   this paragraph;

22                   (ii) the name of each individual who is  
23                   included in the pool presented to the legis-  
24                   lature; and

1 (iii) in the case of any individual who  
2 applies to be included in the pool but is not  
3 included in the pool presented to the legis-  
4 lature, the reasons for the failure of the  
5 Governor to include the individual in the  
6 pool.

7 (D) RIGHT TO REVIEW DECISION NOT TO  
8 INCLUDE.—An individual who submits an appli-  
9 cation for inclusion in the pool under this para-  
10 graph and who is not included in the pool pre-  
11 sented to the legislature may file an action in  
12 the United States district court for the district  
13 in which the capital of the State is located for  
14 such declaratory and injunctive relief as may be  
15 appropriate.

16 (2) IN GENERAL.—An individual is eligible to  
17 serve as a member of an independent redistricting  
18 commission if—

19 (A) as of the date of appointment, the in-  
20 dividual is registered to vote in elections for  
21 Federal office held in the State, and was reg-  
22 istered to vote in the 2 most recent general  
23 elections for Federal office held in the State;

24 (B) the individual did not hold public office  
25 or run as a candidate for election for public of-

1           fice, serve as an employee of a political party or  
2           candidate for election for public office or elected  
3           public official, or hold a position as a registered  
4           lobbyist under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of  
5           1995 (2 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) or an equivalent  
6           State or local law, at any time during the 10-  
7           year period ending on the December 31 pre-  
8           ceding the date of appointment;

9           (C) the individual is not an immediate  
10          family member of a candidate for election for  
11          public office or an elected public official; and

12          (D) the individual certifies that he or she  
13          will not run as a candidate for the office of  
14          Representative in the Congress until after the  
15          next apportionment of Representatives under  
16          section 22(a) of the Act entitled “An Act to  
17          provide for the fifteenth and subsequent decen-  
18          nial censuses and to provide for an apportion-  
19          ment of Representatives in Congress”, approved  
20          June 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a).

21          (3) DISCRIMINATION.—The membership of the  
22          Commission shall not be selected in a manner which  
23          results in a denial or abridgement of the right of any  
24          citizen of the United States to vote on account of  
25          race or color. A violation of this paragraph is estab-

1 lished if, based on the totality of circumstances, it  
2 is shown that the membership of the Commission is  
3 not equally open to participation by members of a  
4 class of citizens protected by this paragraph in that  
5 its members have less opportunity than other mem-  
6 bers of the electorate to participate in the political  
7 process and to elect representatives of their choice.

8 (4) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER DEFINED.—In  
9 paragraph (2)(C), the term “immediate family mem-  
10 ber” means, with respect to an individual, a father,  
11 mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, husband,  
12 wife, father-in-law, or mother-in-law.

13 (c) VACANCY.—A vacancy in the commission shall be  
14 filled in the manner in which the original appointment was  
15 made.

16 (d) DEADLINE.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall establish a  
18 commission under this section, and the members of  
19 the commission shall appoint the commission’s chair,  
20 not later than the first February 1 which occurs  
21 after the chief executive of a State receives the State  
22 apportionment notice (or, in the case of the State  
23 apportionment notice with respect to the 2010 de-  
24 cennial census, not later than 30 days after the date  
25 of the enactment of this Act).

1           (2) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR REQUIRED PRIOR  
2           TO DEVELOPMENT OF REDISTRICTING PLAN.—The  
3           commission may not take any action to develop a re-  
4           districting plan for the State under section 5 until  
5           the appointment of the commission’s chair.

6           (e) REQUIRING MAJORITY APPROVAL FOR AC-  
7           TIONS.—The independent redistricting commission of a  
8           State may not submit a redistricting plan to the State leg-  
9           islature, or take any other action, without the approval  
10          of at least a majority of its members given at a meeting  
11          at which at least a majority of its members are present.

12          (f) TERMINATION.—

13               (1) IN GENERAL.—The independent redistricting  
14               commission of a State shall terminate on the  
15               day after the date of the first regularly scheduled  
16               general election for Federal office which occurs after  
17               the chief executive of the State receives the State  
18               apportionment notice.

19               (2) PRESERVATION OF RECORDS.—The State  
20               shall ensure that the records of the independent re-  
21               districting commission are retained in the appro-  
22               priate State archive in such manner as may be nec-  
23               essary to enable the State to respond to any civil ac-  
24               tion brought with respect to Congressional redistricting  
25               in the State.

1 **SEC. 5. DEVELOPMENT OF REDISTRICTING PLAN BY INDE-**  
2 **PENDENT COMMISSION; PUBLIC NOTICE AND**  
3 **INPUT.**

4 (a) DEVELOPMENT OF REDISTRICTING PLAN.—

5 (1) CRITERIA.—The independent redistricting  
6 commission of a State shall develop a redistricting  
7 plan for the State in accordance with the following  
8 criteria:

9 (A) Districts shall comply with the Con-  
10 stitution of the United States and the Voting  
11 Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.).  
12 The plan shall neither disperse nor concentrate  
13 minority populations protected under the Vot-  
14 ing Rights Act in a manner that has an adverse  
15 effect on their ability to elect their candidate of  
16 choice.

17 (B) District boundaries shall keep commu-  
18 nities of interest to the extent practicable. Com-  
19 munities of interest may be based on, but are  
20 not limited to, trade areas, natural resources,  
21 population density, shared infrastructure, local-  
22 ities with a history of joint governmental co-  
23 operation, and other interests articulated by  
24 residents in governmental forums.

25 (C) Districts shall each have equal popu-  
26 lation per representative, to the extent prac-

1            ticable, and in accordance with federal constitu-  
2            tional standards.

3            (D) Districts shall be geographically con-  
4            tiguous.

5            (E) To the extent practicable, district lines  
6            shall use visible geographic features and shall  
7            remain within geographic boundaries.

8            (F) To the extent practicable and con-  
9            sistent with subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D),  
10           and (E), district lines shall use city and county  
11           boundaries, or undivided census tracts or block  
12           groups.

13           (G) To the extent practicable, districts  
14           shall be geographically compact.

15           (2) FACTORS PROHIBITED FROM CONSIDER-  
16           ATION.—In developing the redistricting plan for the  
17           State, the independent redistricting commission may  
18           not take into consideration any of the following fac-  
19           tors, except to the extent necessary to comply with  
20           the Voting Rights Act of 1965:

21           (A) The voting history of the population of  
22           a Congressional district, except that the com-  
23           mission may take such history into consider-  
24           ation to the extent necessary to comply with



1 any State law which requires the establishment  
2 of competitive Congressional districts.

3 (B) The political party affiliation of the  
4 population of a district.

5 (C) The residence of incumbent Members  
6 of the House of Representatives in the State.

7 (3) PUBLIC NOTICE AND INPUT.—

8 (A) PUBLIC HEARINGS; SOLICITATION OF  
9 INPUT FROM PUBLIC.—The commission shall  
10 hold each of its meetings in public, and shall so-  
11 licit and take into consideration comments from  
12 the public in developing the redistricting plan  
13 for the State. The commission shall notify the  
14 public through the publication of notice in  
15 newspapers of general circulation throughout  
16 the State, and through a public Internet site of  
17 the State government, of the time and place of  
18 its meetings, of its solicitation of public com-  
19 ments, and of the means by which the public  
20 should submit comments to the commission.

21 (B) NOTICE OF PLANS.—At the time the  
22 commission submits a redistricting plan to the  
23 legislature of the State under subsection (b)(1),  
24 the commission shall notify the public through  
25 the publication of notice in newspapers of gen-

1           eral circulation throughout the State, and shall  
2           publish a detailed version of the plan (including  
3           a map showing each Congressional district es-  
4           tablished under the plan and the voting age  
5           population by race of each such district) on a  
6           public Internet site of the State government.  
7           The commission shall provide such public notice  
8           of any redistricting plan it develops for a min-  
9           imum of four weeks prior to submission of that  
10          plan to the legislature as provided for in sub-  
11          section (b).

12          (b) SUBMISSION OF PLANS TO LEGISLATURE.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—At any time prior to the  
14          first November 1 which occurs after the chief execu-  
15          tive of the State receives the State apportionment  
16          notice, the commission may submit redistricting  
17          plans developed by the commission under this sec-  
18          tion to the legislature of the State.

19           (2) CONSIDERATION OF PLAN BY LEGISLA-  
20          TURE.—After receiving any redistricting plan under  
21          paragraph (1), the legislature of a State may—

22           (A) approve the plan as submitted by the  
23          commission without amendment and forward  
24          the plan to the chief executive of the State; or

25           (B) reject the plan.

1 (3) ENACTMENT OF PLAN.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—A redistricting plan de-  
3 veloped by the commission shall be considered  
4 to be enacted into law only if the plan is for-  
5 warded to the chief executive of the State pur-  
6 suant to paragraph (2)(A) and—

7 (i) the chief executive approves the  
8 plan as forwarded by the legislature with-  
9 out amendment; or

10 (ii) the chief executive vetoes the plan  
11 and the legislature overrides the veto in ac-  
12 cordance with the applicable law of the  
13 State, except that at no time may the plan  
14 be amended.

15 (B) SPECIAL RULE.—In the case of a  
16 State in which the chief executive is prohibited  
17 under State law from acting on a redistricting  
18 plan, a redistricting plan developed by the com-  
19 mission shall be considered to be enacted into  
20 law if—

21 (i) the plan is submitted to the legisla-  
22 ture of the State; and

23 (ii) the legislature approves the plan  
24 as submitted by the commission without  
25 amendment.

1 **SEC. 6. SELECTION OF PLAN BY COURTS.**

2 (a) STATE COURT.—

3 (1) SUBMISSION AND SELECTION OF PLAN.—If  
4 a redistricting plan developed by the independent re-  
5 districting commission of a State is not enacted into  
6 law under section 5(b)(3) by the first December 1  
7 which occurs after the chief executive of the State  
8 receives the State apportionment notice, the commis-  
9 sion may submit redistricting plans developed by the  
10 commission in accordance with section 5 to the high-  
11 est court of the State, which may select and publish  
12 one of the submitted plans to serve as the redis-  
13 tricting plan for the State.

14 (2) NO MODIFICATION OF PLAN PERMITTED.—  
15 The highest court of a State may not modify any re-  
16 districting plan submitted under this subsection.

17 (b) FEDERAL COURT.—

18 (1) FAILURE OF STATE COURT TO SELECT  
19 PLAN.—

20 (A) NOTICE TO COURT IF PLAN NOT SE-  
21 LECTED BY STATE COURT.—If a State court to  
22 whom redistricting plans have been submitted  
23 under subsection (a) does not select a plan to  
24 serve as the redistricting plan for the State  
25 under such subsection on or before the first De-  
26 cember 31 which occurs after the chief execu-

1           tive of the State receives the State apportion-  
2           ment notice, the State shall file a notice with  
3           the United States district court for the district  
4           in which the capital of the State is located.

5           (B) DEVELOPMENT AND SELECTION OF  
6           PLAN BY FEDERAL COURT.—Not later than 30  
7           days after receiving a notice from a State under  
8           subparagraph (A), the court shall develop and  
9           publish a final redistricting plan for the State.

10          (2) FAILURE OF STATE TO ESTABLISH COMMIS-  
11          SION.—

12           (A) IN GENERAL.—If a State does not es-  
13           tablish an independent redistricting commission  
14           under section 4 by the first September 1 which  
15           occurs after the chief executive of the State re-  
16           ceives the State apportionment notice—

17           (i) the State may not establish the  
18           commission; and

19           (ii) the United States district court  
20           for the district in which the capital of the  
21           State is located shall develop and publish  
22           a final redistricting plan for the State not  
23           later than the first December 1 which oc-  
24           curs after the chief executive of the State  
25           receives the State apportionment notice.

1 (B) DETERMINATION OF FAILURE TO ES-  
2 TABLISH COMMISSION.—For purposes of sub-  
3 paragraph (A), a State shall be considered to  
4 have failed to establish an independent redistricting  
5 commission by the date referred to in  
6 such subparagraph if a chair of the commission  
7 has not been appointed on or before such date.

8 (3) CRITERIA.—It is the sense of Congress  
9 that, in developing a redistricting plan for a State  
10 under this subsection, the district court should adhere  
11 here to the same terms and conditions that applied  
12 to the development of the plan of the commission  
13 under section 5(a).

14 (c) ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND RECORDS OF  
15 COMMISSION.—A court which is required to select, publish,  
16 or develop a redistricting plan for a State under this  
17 section shall have access to any information, data, software,  
18 or other records and material used by the independent  
19 redistricting commission of the State in carrying  
20 out its duties under this Act.

21 **SEC. 7. SPECIAL RULE FOR REDISTRICTING CONDUCTED**  
22 **UNDER ORDER OF FEDERAL COURT.**

23 If a Federal court requires a State to conduct redistricting  
24 subsequent to an apportionment of Representatives in the State  
25 in order to comply with the Constitution

1 or to enforce the Voting Rights Act of 1965, sections 5  
2 and 6 shall apply with respect to the redistricting, except  
3 that—

4           (1) the deadline for the establishment of the  
5 independent redistricting commission and the ap-  
6 pointment of the commission's chair (as described in  
7 section 4(d)(1)) shall be the expiration of the 30-day  
8 period which begins on the date of the final order of  
9 the Federal court to conduct the redistricting;

10           (2) the deadline for the submission of redis-  
11 tricting plans to the legislature by the commission,  
12 and the date of the termination of the commission  
13 (as described in section 4(f)) shall be the expiration  
14 of the 150-day period which begins on the date of  
15 the final order of the Federal court to conduct the  
16 redistricting;

17           (3) the deadline for the selection and publica-  
18 tion of the plan by the highest court of the State (as  
19 described in section 6(a)) shall be the expiration of  
20 the 180-day period which begins on the date of the  
21 final order of the Federal court to conduct the redis-  
22 tricting; and

23           (4) the deadline for the selection and publica-  
24 tion of the plan by the district court of the United  
25 States (as described in section 6(b)) shall be the ex-

1       piration of the 210-day period which begins on the  
2       date of the final order of the Federal court to con-  
3       duct the redistricting.

4       **SEC. 8. PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR CARRYING OUT REDIS-**  
5                                   **TRICTING.**

6       (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS.**—Subject to sub-  
7       section (d), not later than 30 days after a State receives  
8       a State apportionment notice (or, in the case of the State  
9       apportionment notice with respect to the 2010 decennial  
10      census, not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  
11      ment of this Act), the Election Assistance Commission  
12      shall make a payment to the State in an amount equal  
13      to the product of—

14                   (1) the number of Representatives to which the  
15      State is entitled, as provided under the notice; and

16                   (2) \$150,000.

17      (b) **USE OF FUNDS.**—A State shall use the payment  
18      made under this section to establish and operate the  
19      State’s independent redistricting commission, to imple-  
20      ment the State redistricting plan, and to otherwise carry  
21      out Congressional redistricting in the State.

22      (c) **NO PAYMENT TO STATES WITH SINGLE MEM-**  
23      **BER.**—The Election Assistance Commission shall not  
24      make a payment under this section to any State which



1 is not entitled to more than one Representative under its  
2 State apportionment notice.

3 (d) **REQUIRING ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION AS**  
4 **CONDITION OF PAYMENT.**—The Election Assistance Com-  
5 mission may not make a payment to a State under this  
6 section until the State certifies to the Commission that  
7 the State has established an independent redistricting  
8 commission, and that a chair of the commission has been  
9 appointed, in accordance with section 4.

10 (e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There  
11 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
12 necessary for payments under this section.

13 **SEC. 9. STATE APPORTIONMENT NOTICE DEFINED.**

14 In this Act, the “State apportionment notice” means,  
15 with respect to a State, the notice sent to the State from  
16 the Clerk of the House of Representatives under section  
17 22(b) of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the fif-  
18 teenth and subsequent decennial censuses and to provide  
19 for an apportionment of Representatives in Congress”, ap-  
20 proved June 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a), of the number of  
21 Representatives to which the State is entitled.

22 **SEC. 10. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AND PRIVATE RIGHT OF AC-**  
23 **TION.**

24 (a) **ATTORNEY GENERAL.**—The Attorney General  
25 may bring a civil action in an appropriate district court

1 for such declaratory or injunctive relief as is necessary to  
2 carry out this Act.

3 (b) AVAILABILITY OF PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—

4 (1) ACTION CHALLENGING CONTENTS OF STATE  
5 REDISTRICTING PLAN.—A person who is aggrieved  
6 by a violation of this Act which consists of the fail-  
7 ure of a State redistricting plan enacted into law  
8 under section 5(b)(3) to be in compliance with para-  
9 graph (1) or paragraph (2) of section 5(a) may  
10 bring a civil action in an appropriate district court  
11 for declaratory or injunctive relief.

12 (2) OTHER ACTIONS.—A person who is ag-  
13 grieved by a violation of this Act which is not de-  
14 scribed in paragraph (1) may bring a civil action in  
15 an appropriate district court for declaratory or in-  
16 junctive relief with respect to the violation if—

17 (A) the person provides written notice of  
18 the violation to the chair of the independent re-  
19 districting commission of the State involved;

20 (B) the violation is not corrected during  
21 the 90-day period which begins on the date of  
22 the receipt of the written notice; and

23 (C) the person brings the action not later  
24 than 30 days after the expiration of the 90-day  
25 period referred to in clause (ii).

1           (3) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—No civil action  
2           may be brought under this subsection with respect  
3           to a State after the expiration of the 30-day period  
4           which begins on the date the State redistricting plan  
5           is enacted into law under section 5(b)(3).

6           (c) EXPEDITED JUDICIAL REVIEW.—In any action  
7           brought for declaratory or injunctive relief under this sec-  
8           tion, the following rules shall apply:

9           (1) The action shall be filed in the appropriate  
10          United States district court and shall be heard by a  
11          3-judge court convened pursuant to section 2284 of  
12          title 28, United States Code.

13          (2) The 3-judge court shall consolidate actions  
14          brought for relief under subsection (b)(1) with re-  
15          spect to the same State redistricting plan.

16          (3) A copy of the complaint shall be delivered  
17          promptly to the Clerk of the House of Representa-  
18          tives and the Secretary of the Senate.

19          (4) A final decision in the action shall be re-  
20          viewable only by appeal directly to the Supreme  
21          Court of the United States. Such appeal shall be  
22          taken by the filing of a notice of appeal within 10  
23          days, and the filing of a jurisdictional statement  
24          within 30 days, of the entry of the final decision.

1           (5) It shall be the duty of the district court and  
2           the Supreme Court of the United States to advance  
3           on the docket and to expedite to the greatest pos-  
4           sible extent the disposition of the action and appeal.

5           (d) LOCATION OF COURT.—For purposes of an action  
6           under this section, the appropriate district court shall be  
7           the district court of the United States for the district  
8           which includes the capital of the State involved.

9           (e) ATTORNEY'S FEES.—In a civil action under this  
10          section, the court may allow the prevailing party (other  
11          than the United States) reasonable attorney fees, includ-  
12          ing litigation expenses, and costs.

13          (f) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—(1) The rights and  
14          remedies established by this section are in addition to all  
15          other rights and remedies provided by law, and neither  
16          the rights and remedies established by this section nor any  
17          other provision of this Act shall supersede, restrict, or  
18          limit the application of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42  
19          U.S.C. 1973 et seq.).

20          (2) Nothing in this Act authorizes or requires con-  
21          duct that is prohibited by the Voting Rights Act of 1965  
22          (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.).

1 **SEC. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall  
3 take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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