

1 SB161
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3 By Senators Singleton and Smitherman
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would reapportion Alabama's United States Congressional districts based on the 2020 federal census.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To repeal and reenact Section 17-14-70, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for the reapportionment and redistricting of the state's United States Congressional districts based on the 2020 federal census.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-14-70, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the existing congressional districts, is repealed.

Section 2. Section 17-14-70 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§17-14-70.

(a) The State of Alabama is divided into seven congressional districts as provided in subsection (b).

1 (b) The numbers and boundaries of the districts are
2 designated and established by the map prepared by the
3 Permanent Legislative Committee on Reapportionment and
4 identified and labeled as Singleton Congressional Plan 1-2022,
5 including the corresponding boundary description provided by
6 the census tracts, blocks, and counties, and are incorporated
7 by reference as part of this section.

8 (c) The Legislature shall post for viewing on its
9 public website the map referenced in subsection (b), including
10 the corresponding boundary description provided by the census
11 tracts, blocks, and counties, and any alternative map,
12 including the corresponding boundary description provided by
13 the census tracts, blocks, and counties, introduced by any
14 member of the Legislature during the legislative session in
15 which this section is added or amended.

16 (d) Upon enactment of the act adding this section
17 and adopting the map identified in subsection (b), the Clerk
18 of the House of Representatives or the Secretary of the
19 Senate, as appropriate, shall transmit the map and the
20 corresponding boundary description provided by the census
21 tracts, blocks, and counties identified in subsection (b) for
22 certification and posting on the public website of the
23 Secretary of State.

24 (e) The boundary descriptions provided by the
25 certified map referenced in subsection (b) shall prevail over
26 the boundary descriptions provided by the census tracts,
27 blocks, and counties generated for the map.

1 Section 3. The provisions of this act are severable.
2 If any part of this act is declared invalid or
3 unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part
4 which remains.

5 Section 4. This act shall become effective
6 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or
7 upon its otherwise becoming a law.