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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE FOUR (4)
9 UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF ARKANSAS; TO
10 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 (4) UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
15 OF ARKANSAS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 7-2-102 is amended to read as follows:

22 7-2-102. First Congressional District.

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

24 (1) The counties of Arkansas, Baxter, Chicot, Clay, Cleburne,
25 Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Fulton, Greene, Independence, Izard,
26 Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, ~~Lonoke~~, Marion, Mississippi, Monroe,
27 Phillips, ~~Prairie~~, Poinsett, Prairie, Randolph, St. Francis, Sharp, Stone,
28 and Woodruff;

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

- 31 (A) ~~19 (Dunnington) voting district~~ 035;
32 ~~(B) 15 (Dudley Lake) voting district~~;
33 ~~(C) 25 (Old River) voting district~~;
34 ~~(D) 57 (Villemont) voting district~~;
35 ~~(E) P91 (Roberts) voting district~~;
36 ~~(F) P851 (Humphrey) voting district; and~~



- 1 ~~(G) P862 (Humphrey) voting district; and~~
- 2 (B) 036;
- 3 (C) 037;
- 4 (D) 038;
- 5 (E) 045;
- 6 (F) 046;
- 7 (G) 047;
- 8 (H) 048;
- 9 (I) 053;
- 10 (J) 054; and
- 11 (K) 055; and

12 (3) The voting ~~districts and voting~~ precincts of ~~Searcy~~ Lonoke
 13 County as they existed on January 1, ~~2011~~ 2021, that are not listed under §
 14 ~~7-2-104(a)(4)~~ § 7-2-103(a)(2).

15 (b) The qualified electors residing in the counties and ~~portion~~
 16 portions of ~~Jefferson County and Searcy County~~ Lonoke County and Pulaski
 17 County listed under subsection (a) of this section shall elect one (1) member
 18 of the United States House of Representatives.

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 20 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-2-103 is amended to read as follows:
 21 7-2-103. Second Congressional District.

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

23 (1) The counties of Boone, Conway, Faulkner, Newton, Perry,
 24 Pope, Searcy, Pulaski, Saline, Van Buren, and White, and Yell;

25 (2) The following voting precincts of Lonoke County as they
 26 existed on January 1, 2021:

27 (A) 09 - York TWP; and

28 (B) 39 - Magness TWP; and

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

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

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 35 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-2-104 is amended to read as follows:
 36 7-2-104. Third Congressional District.

(a) The Third Congressional District shall be composed of:

(1) The counties of Benton, ~~Boone~~, Carroll, Crawford, Madison, ~~Marion~~, ~~Pope~~, 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;~~

~~(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~~ 2021, that are not listed under § ~~7-2-105(a)(5)~~ § 7-2-105(a)(2).

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

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

~~(A) Alma # 1 voting district;~~

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

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

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

23 (5) The following voting ~~districts~~ precincts of Sebastian County
 24 as they existed on January 1, 2011 2021:

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

- 1 ~~(M) 9-3 J voting district;~~
- 2 ~~(N) 9-3 K voting district;~~
- 3 ~~(O) 9-3 L voting district; and~~
- 4 ~~(P) 9-3 M voting district~~
- 5 (B) 9-2G;
- 6 (C) 9-2H;
- 7 (D) 9-2K;
- 8 (E) 9-2L;
- 9 (F) 9-2M;
- 10 (G) 9-3C;
- 11 (H) 9-3D;
- 12 (I) 9-3E;
- 13 (J) 9-3F;
- 14 (K) 9-3G;
- 15 (L) 9-3H;
- 16 (M) 9-3I;
- 17 (N) 9-3J;
- 18 (O) 9-3K;
- 19 (P) 9-3L;
- 20 (Q) 9-4B;
- 21 (R) 9-4F; and
- 22 (S) 9-4L.

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

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28 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 29 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the General Assembly is
 30 responsible for establishing the four (4) United States Congressional
 31 Districts in the state; that the United States Congressional Districts are
 32 based on the information provided by the federal decennial census by the
 33 United States Bureau of the Census; that the federal decennial census data
 34 delivery was delayed; that the establishment of the four (4) United States
 35 Congressional Districts is necessary to provide equal representation of the
 36 citizens of Arkansas in the United States Congress; and that this act is

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

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

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

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

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