

# HOUSE BILL No. 1317

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-1.5; IC 2-2.1-1-2.7; IC 3-3; IC 3-8.

**Synopsis:** Redistricting commission. Establishes a redistricting commission (commission) to create, hold hearings on, take public comment about, and recommend plans to redraw general assembly districts and congressional districts. Requires the legislative services agency (agency) to provide staff and administrative services to the commission. Establishes standards to govern the commission and the agency in the creation of redistricting plans. Provides that the general assembly shall meet and enact redistricting plans before October 1 of a redistricting year. Authorizes the general assembly to convene in a session to act on redistricting bills at times other than the times the general assembly is currently authorized to meet. Repeals the current law establishing a redistricting commission for congressional redistricting.

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# HOUSE BILL No. 1317

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A  
2 **NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,**  
3 **2019]:**

4 **ARTICLE 1.5. REDISTRICTING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
5 **AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**

6 **Chapter 1. Definitions**

7 **Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this**  
8 **article.**

9 **Sec. 2. "Agency" refers to the legislative services agency**  
10 **established by IC 2-5-1.1-7.**

11 **Sec. 3. "Appointing authority" refers to any of the following:**

- 12 **(1) The speaker of the house of representatives.**
- 13 **(2) The minority leader of the house of representatives.**
- 14 **(3) The president pro tempore of the senate.**
- 15 **(4) The minority leader of the senate.**

16 **Sec. 4. "Bureau" refers to the United States Department of**  
17 **Commerce, Bureau of the Census.**



1           **Sec. 5. "Census data"** means the population data that the  
2 bureau is required to provide to the state under 13 U.S.C. 141.

3           **Sec. 6. "Census year"** refers to the year in which a federal  
4 decennial census is conducted.

5           **Sec. 7. "Commission"** refers to the redistricting commission  
6 established by IC 2-1.5-2-1.

7           **Sec. 8. "Federal decennial census"** refers to a federal decennial  
8 census conducted under 13 U.S.C. 141.

9           **Sec. 9. "House of representatives"** refers to the house of  
10 representatives of the general assembly.

11           **Sec. 10. "Ideal district population"** for a plan refers to the  
12 number equal to the quotient of the following, rounded to the  
13 nearest whole number:

14           (1) The numerator is the population of Indiana as reported by  
15 the most recent federal decennial census.

16           (2) The denominator is the number of districts required by  
17 this article for the plan.

18           **Sec. 11. "Nominating authority"** refers to any of the following:

19           (1) The chief justice of the supreme court.

20           (2) The president of Ball State University.

21           (3) The president of Indiana University.

22           (4) The president of Purdue University.

23           **Sec. 12. (a) "Plan"** refers to any of the following:

24           (1) A plan for districts for the house of representatives.

25           (2) A plan for districts for the senate.

26           (3) A plan for congressional districts.

27           (b) A plan includes maps and written descriptions of the maps  
28 that define all the districts that a plan is required to have under  
29 this article.

30           **Sec. 13. "Political subdivision"** means a city, county, town, or  
31 township.

32           **Sec. 14. "Redistricting year"** refers to the year immediately  
33 following a census year.

34           **Sec. 15. "Senate"** refers to the senate of the general assembly.

35           **Chapter 2. Redistricting Commission**

36           **Sec. 1. As provided in this chapter, a redistricting commission**  
37 **consisting of nine (9) members is established.**

38           **Sec. 2. (a) Not later than January 15 of a redistricting year, four**  
39 **(4) members of the commission shall be selected by each of the**  
40 **appointing authorities:**

41           (1) appointing one (1) individual to be a commission member;  
42 and



- 1           (2) certifying to the executive director of the agency the  
2           appointment of the individual to the commission.
- 3           (b) Four (4) members of the commission shall be selected as  
4 follows:
- 5           (1) Not later than January 15 of a redistricting year, a pool of  
6           twelve (12) candidates for appointment to the commission, not  
7           more than six (6) of whom may be members of the same  
8           political party, shall be established. The pool is created by  
9           each of the nominating authorities:
- 10           (A) selecting three (3) individuals as candidates for  
11           membership on the commission; and
- 12           (B) certifying the following to the executive director of the  
13           agency:
- 14           (i) The name and contact information for each of the  
15           three (3) individuals selected by that nominating  
16           authority as candidates for membership on the  
17           commission.
- 18           (ii) That each of the individuals identified in item (i) has  
19           agreed to serve if the individual is appointed as a  
20           member of the commission.
- 21           (iii) That the nominating authority believes that each of  
22           the individuals identified in item (i) will, if appointed as  
23           a member of the commission, faithfully comply with this  
24           article, including specifically IC 2-1.5-4-10(b).
- 25           (2) Not later than February 1 of a redistricting year, each of  
26           the four (4) members of the commission appointed under  
27           subsection (a) shall:
- 28           (A) appoint one (1) of the candidates from the pool  
29           established under subsection (b)(1) as a member of the  
30           commission; and
- 31           (B) certify to the executive director of the agency the  
32           appointment of the individual as a member of the  
33           commission.
- 34           (c) Not later than February 15 of a redistricting year, the  
35           members appointed under subsections (a) and (b) shall meet and  
36           appoint the commission's chair. The member appointed by the  
37           speaker of the house of representatives shall call and preside  
38           during the meeting. The chair may be a member appointed to the  
39           commission under subsection (b)(2) or another individual chosen  
40           by the commission, but may not be a member appointed to the  
41           commission under subsection (a)(1). If the commission selects as  
42           the chair a member appointed to the commission under subsection



1 (b)(2), the commission shall appoint by majority vote another  
 2 candidate from the pool established under subsection (b)(1) as a  
 3 member of the commission. The commission shall certify to the  
 4 executive director of the agency the appointment of the  
 5 commission's chair and the commission member, if any, selected  
 6 under this subsection.

7 (d) In selecting candidates for appointment under subsection  
 8 (b)(1) and in making the appointments under subsections (a), (b),  
 9 and (c), the nominating authorities, the appointing authorities, and  
 10 the members of the commission shall seek to optimize the  
 11 geographic, minority, and gender diversity of the commission.

12 Sec. 3. To serve on the commission, an individual must be a  
 13 resident of Indiana.

14 Sec. 4. (a) The definitions in IC 3-5-2 apply throughout this  
 15 section.

16 (b) An individual may not serve on the commission if the  
 17 individual has been any of the following at any time less than six (6)  
 18 years before the individual's appointment to the commission:

19 (1) A member of the general assembly or the Congress of the  
 20 United States.

21 (2) A candidate for election to the general assembly or the  
 22 Congress of the United States.

23 (3) The holder of a state office (as defined in IC 3-5-2-48).

24 (4) An appointed public official.

25 (5) An employee of any of the following:

26 (A) The general assembly.

27 (B) A member of the Congress of the United States from  
 28 Indiana.

29 (C) A United States senator representing Indiana.

30 (6) The chairman or treasurer of a candidate's committee of  
 31 a candidate for election to the general assembly or the  
 32 Congress of the United States as required by IC 3-9-1 or  
 33 federal law.

34 (7) A precinct committeeman or a precinct vice  
 35 committeeman.

36 (8) A member of a candidate's committee.

37 (9) A member of a central committee.

38 (10) A member of a national committee.

39 (11) An employee or an agent of a political party or of an  
 40 entity described in any of subdivisions (8) through (10).

41 (12) An individual who is either of the following:

42 (A) A paid consultant of an entity described in any of



- 1 subdivisions (8) through (11).  
 2 (B) An employee of a paid consultant of an entity described  
 3 in any of subdivisions (8) through (11).  
 4 (13) An individual registered as a lobbyist under IC 2-7.  
 5 **Sec. 5. (a) Before undertaking duties as a commission member,**  
 6 **an individual appointed under section 2 or 8 of this chapter must**  
 7 **do each of the following:**  
 8 (1) Take an oath of office.  
 9 (2) Make an affirmation that the individual will:  
 10 (A) apply the provisions of this article in an honest and  
 11 independent manner; and  
 12 (B) uphold public confidence in the integrity of the  
 13 redistricting process.  
 14 (3) Make a written pledge that the individual will not be a  
 15 candidate for:  
 16 (A) election to the general assembly; or  
 17 (B) selection to fill a vacancy in the general assembly;  
 18 at any time before the second election for members of the  
 19 general assembly after the individual's appointment to the  
 20 commission.  
 21 (4) Make a written pledge that the individual will not do any  
 22 of the following until plans are adopted as provided in this  
 23 article:  
 24 (A) Make a contribution (as defined in IC 3-5-2-15).  
 25 (B) Attend any function relating to the election of a  
 26 candidate.  
 27 (C) Serve in any capacity described in section 4 of this  
 28 chapter.  
 29 (b) A member's oath, affirmation, and pledge shall be filed with  
 30 the agency.  
 31 **Sec. 6. An individual serves as a commission member until the**  
 32 **earlier of the following:**  
 33 (1) The individual resigns the individual's membership on the  
 34 commission.  
 35 (2) The individual is removed as a member of the commission  
 36 under section 7 of this chapter.  
 37 (3) The appointment of a new commission under this chapter  
 38 following a federal decennial census.  
 39 **Sec. 7. (a) A commission member may be removed from office**  
 40 **for any of the following:**  
 41 (1) Substantial neglect of duty.  
 42 (2) Gross misconduct in office.



- 1           **(3) Inability to discharge the duties of a member of the**  
 2           **commission.**
- 3           **(4) Becoming a candidate in violation of section 5(a)(3) of this**  
 4           **chapter.**
- 5           **(5) Taking an action in violation of section 5(a)(4) of this**  
 6           **chapter.**
- 7           **(6) Ceasing to be a resident of Indiana as required by section**  
 8           **3 of this chapter.**
- 9           **(7) Being convicted of an action that would result in the**  
 10          **removal of a public officer under IC 5-8-1-38 or IC 5-8-3-1.**
- 11          **(b) Whenever a person files a verified complaint in writing to**  
 12          **remove a commission member under subsection (a), the supreme**  
 13          **court shall, using any procedures the supreme court considers**  
 14          **appropriate:**
- 15               **(1) hear the complaint not later than seven (7) days after the**  
 16               **complaint is filed; and**
- 17               **(2) make a decision concerning the commission member's**  
 18               **removal as expeditiously as possible after the hearing.**
- 19          **Sec. 8. (a) If a vacancy occurs on the commission of a member**  
 20          **who was appointed under section 2(a) of this chapter, the leader of**  
 21          **the caucus whose leader appointed the member whose position is**  
 22          **vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy:**
- 23               **(1) not later than fifteen (15) days after the vacancy occurs;**  
 24               **and**
- 25               **(2) in the same manner described in section 2(a) of this**  
 26               **chapter.**
- 27          **(b) If a vacancy occurs on the commission of a member who was**  
 28          **appointed under section 2(b) of this chapter during a redistricting**  
 29          **year, the commission shall:**
- 30               **(1) not later than fifteen (15) days after the vacancy occurs**  
 31               **either:**
- 32                       **(A) appoint a candidate from the pool established under**  
 33                       **section 2(b)(1) of this chapter to fill the vacancy; or**
- 34                       **(B) if no candidate described in clause (A) meets the**  
 35                       **qualifications of this article or is available to serve, appoint**  
 36                       **an individual to fill the vacancy; and**
- 37               **(2) certify to the executive director of the agency the**  
 38               **appointment of the individual to the commission.**
- 39          **(c) If a vacancy occurs on the commission of a member who was**  
 40          **appointed under section 2(b) of this chapter during a year that is**  
 41          **not a redistricting year, the commission:**
- 42               **(1) shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy not later**



1 than fifteen (15) days after the vacancy occurs; and  
 2 (2) shall certify to the executive director of the agency the  
 3 appointment of the individual to the commission.

4 (d) If the position of commission chair becomes vacant, the  
 5 commission shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy:

6 (1) not later than fifteen (15) days after the vacancy occurs;  
 7 and

8 (2) in the same manner:

9 (A) described in section 2(c) of this chapter, if the vacancy  
 10 occurs during a redistricting year; or

11 (B) described in subsection (c), if the vacancy occurs  
 12 during a year that is not a redistricting year.

13 Sec. 9. The affirmative vote of seven (7) commission members  
 14 is necessary for the commission to take official action.

15 Sec. 10. Each commission member is entitled to receive the same  
 16 per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to members of the  
 17 general assembly serving on interim study committees established  
 18 by the legislative council.

19 Sec. 11. (a) The agency shall provide the commission with staff  
 20 and administrative services.

21 (b) The expenses of the commission shall be paid out of amounts  
 22 appropriated to the legislative council (created under IC 2-5-1.1-1)  
 23 and the agency, including the costs of litigation (if any).

24 Sec. 12. (a) The definitions in IC 3-5-2 apply throughout this  
 25 section.

26 (b) A commission member who has communicated, directly or  
 27 indirectly, regarding redistricting with any of the following other  
 28 than during a public meeting of the commission shall take the  
 29 action described in subsection (c):

30 (1) A member of the Congress of the United States.

31 (2) A member of the general assembly.

32 (3) An individual who holds any other public office.

33 (4) An individual who has held a public office described in  
 34 subdivisions (1) through (3).

35 (5) A candidate for a public office described in subdivisions  
 36 (1) through (3).

37 (6) An individual otherwise described in section 4 of this  
 38 chapter, other than an employee of the agency acting within  
 39 the scope of the employee's responsibilities under section 11  
 40 of this chapter.

41 (c) If a commission member communicates regarding  
 42 redistricting with an individual described in subsection (b), the





1 **commission member shall do the following:**

2 **(1) If the communication is written or electronic material, the**  
 3 **commission member shall instruct the written or electronic**  
 4 **material to be placed in the commission's public records not**  
 5 **later than five (5) days after the commission member reads**  
 6 **the written or electronic material.**

7 **(2) If the communication is other than written or electronic**  
 8 **material, the commission member shall place a verified**  
 9 **written description of the communication in the commission's**  
 10 **public records not later than five (5) days after the**  
 11 **communication occurs. The verified written description must**  
 12 **include the following information:**

13 **(A) The name of the individual with whom the**  
 14 **communication occurred.**

15 **(B) The date and approximate time of the communication.**

16 **(C) A description of the nature and substance of the**  
 17 **communication.**

18 **(d) A commission member who fails to comply with this section**  
 19 **commits gross misconduct in office and is subject to removal from**  
 20 **the commission under section 7 of this chapter.**

21 **Chapter 3. Redistricting Procedure**

22 **Sec. 1. (a) Before January 1 of a redistricting year, the agency**  
 23 **shall acquire any hardware, software, and supplies necessary to**  
 24 **assist the commission in the performance of the commission's**  
 25 **duties under this article.**

26 **(b) At any time, the agency may acquire additional hardware,**  
 27 **software, and supplies the executive director of the agency**  
 28 **considers necessary to assist the commission in performance of the**  
 29 **commission's duties under this article.**

30 **Sec. 2. (a) Not later than March 15 of a redistricting year, the**  
 31 **commission's chair shall convene the commission to do the**  
 32 **following:**

33 **(1) Organize the commission.**

34 **(2) Receive reports from the agency concerning the following:**

35 **(A) Information relating to the receipt of census data from**  
 36 **the bureau.**

37 **(B) The readiness of the agency to assist the commission's**  
 38 **work.**

39 **(C) Any other matter on which a report is requested by the**  
 40 **commission.**

41 **(3) Provide initial instructions to the agency regarding the**  
 42 **commission's work.**



1 (4) Schedule hearings required or permitted under section 5  
2 of this chapter.

3 (5) Schedule other meetings the commission considers  
4 necessary.

5 (6) Schedule the receipt of maps from the public.

6 (b) IC 5-14-1.5 (the open door law) applies to the commission's  
7 meetings.

8 (c) Records of the commission shall be available for inspection  
9 and copying in accordance with IC 5-14-3.

10 Sec. 3. If the agency must make a decision on a question for  
11 which no clearly applicable provision of this article or instruction  
12 of the commission provides an answer, the executive director of the  
13 agency shall submit a written request to the commission for  
14 direction.

15 Sec. 4. (a) The agency shall do the following:

16 (1) Create maps of legislative district plans and congressional  
17 district plans that conform to this article and the  
18 commission's instructions.

19 (2) Prepare written descriptions of the maps created under  
20 subdivision (1).

21 (3) Evaluate maps submitted by the public for conformance  
22 with the standards set forth in IC 2-1.5-4.

23 (b) The agency shall produce as many different plans as the  
24 commission instructs:

25 (1) not earlier than May 1 of a redistricting year; and

26 (2) not later than May 15 of the redistricting year.

27 (c) The agency shall publish the maps and descriptions:

28 (1) prepared for the commission by the agency; and

29 (2) submitted to the commission from the public;

30 as directed by the commission not later than May 15 of a  
31 redistricting year.

32 Sec. 5. (a) As directed by the commission, the agency shall  
33 receive for the commission written public comments regarding the  
34 plans after publication of the plans.

35 (b) The commission shall provide for at least one (1) public  
36 hearing in each Indiana congressional district, and an additional  
37 meeting in Marion County, as determined by the commission. At  
38 least two (2) commission members shall be present at each public  
39 hearing, and a commission member shall preside and conduct the  
40 hearing. The hearings shall be held not later than June 30 of a  
41 redistricting year, and shall be recorded and made available live  
42 and archived for public viewing on the Internet.



1 (c) The commission may hold hearings in addition to the  
2 hearings required by subsection (b).

3 (d) The commission shall do the following at any hearings held  
4 under this section:

5 (1) Explain the redistricting procedure.

6 (2) Present the plans prepared for the commission by the  
7 agency.

8 (3) Have available the plans submitted by the public and the  
9 agency's evaluation of those plans.

10 (4) Hear public comments and suggestions.

11 (e) The commission may take other actions the commission  
12 considers appropriate to do the following:

13 (1) Explain the redistricting procedure or the plans to the  
14 public.

15 (2) Receive public comments and suggestions.

16 (f) The commission may modify, with or without additional  
17 public hearings under this section, the maps published under  
18 section 4 of this chapter to:

19 (1) incorporate any public comments and suggestions adopted  
20 by the commission; or

21 (2) comply with the federal Voting Rights Act in accordance  
22 with IC 2-1.5-4-10(c).

23 The commission shall adopt any modifications made under this  
24 subsection in a public meeting.

25 (g) The commission shall give public notice of a meeting held  
26 under this section not later than ten (10) days before the date of the  
27 meeting.

28 **Sec. 6. (a)** Not later than August 1 of a redistricting year, the  
29 commission shall meet to adopt a report to the general assembly.  
30 The report must include the following:

31 (1) A summary of the commission's and the agency's  
32 preparation for the commission's work.

33 (2) A description of the hearings held under section 5 of this  
34 chapter.

35 (3) A summary of the public comments and suggestions  
36 received in writing and at the hearings.

37 (4) The commission's recommendation to the general  
38 assembly for each of the following:

39 (A) A district plan for the house of representatives.

40 (B) A district plan for the senate.

41 (C) A congressional district plan.

42 (5) Maps for each plan, including both a statewide map and a



1 map for each district.

2 (6) A bill that would enact each of the plans.

3 (b) The commission shall recommend to the general assembly  
4 the plan the commission considers the best in meeting the  
5 standards set forth in IC 2-1.5-4.

6 (c) The commission may include any other information in the  
7 report the commission considers useful to explain the commission's  
8 work or recommendations.

9 (d) The report required by this section must be submitted to the  
10 legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

11 Sec. 7. (a) If, for any reason, an appointing authority, a  
12 nominating authority, the agency, the commission, or the general  
13 assembly is unable to complete a duty required under this article  
14 or IC 2-2.1-1-2.7 before the deadline specified by law, the  
15 appointing authority, nominating authority, agency, commission,  
16 or general assembly, as applicable, shall expedite completion of the  
17 requirement as soon as practicable after the deadline.

18 (b) If a court invalidates a plan after October 1 of a redistricting  
19 year, the commission and the general assembly shall take all  
20 necessary action to expedite the adoption of a plan to replace the  
21 invalidated plan.

22 **Chapter 4. Redistricting Standards**

23 Sec. 1. Districts created for the house of representatives, the  
24 senate, and the United States House of Representatives must  
25 comply with the standards of this chapter.

26 Sec. 2. (a) A plan for house of representatives districts must  
27 provide for one hundred (100) districts.

28 (b) A plan for senate districts must provide for fifty (50)  
29 districts.

30 (c) A plan for congressional districts must provide for as many  
31 districts as are allocated to Indiana under 2 U.S.C. 2a.

32 Sec. 3. Districts must be established on the basis of population.

33 Sec. 4. The population of a district of the house of  
34 representatives or the senate may not deviate from the ideal  
35 district population by more than two percent (2%) of the ideal  
36 district population.

37 Sec. 5. (a) Districts must be composed of contiguous territory.

38 (b) Areas that meet only at the point of adjoining corners are  
39 not considered contiguous.

40 Sec. 6. Districts must be as compact as possible to the extent  
41 practicable while considering other provisions of this chapter and  
42 the federal Voting Rights Act.



1           **Sec. 7. Districts must not breach precinct boundaries.**

2           **Sec. 8. To the extent possible consistent with sections 2 through**  
 3 **6 of this chapter, district boundaries of general assembly districts**  
 4 **must coincide with the boundaries of Indiana political subdivisions**  
 5 **as follows:**

6           **(1) The commission shall minimize the number of counties**  
 7 **and cities divided among more than one (1) district.**

8           **(2) Except as provided in subdivision (3), if there is a choice**  
 9 **between political subdivisions to be divided, a more populous**  
 10 **political subdivision shall be divided before a less populous**  
 11 **political subdivision is divided.**

12           **(3) Subdivision (2) does not apply to a legislative district**  
 13 **boundary drawn along a county line that passes through a**  
 14 **municipality that lies in more than one (1) county.**

15           **Sec. 9. A plan for senate districts may not include a senate**  
 16 **district in which is included the residence address of two (2) or**  
 17 **more senators, one (1) or more of whose term of office expires at**  
 18 **the second general election held after the redistricting year.**

19           **Sec. 10. (a) In evaluating plans for recommendation, the**  
 20 **commission shall consider the effect that a plan has on language**  
 21 **minority groups and racial minority groups as required by the**  
 22 **federal Voting Rights Act.**

23           **(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the commission and the**  
 24 **agency may not receive or consider:**

25           **(1) past election results; or**

26           **(2) the addresses of incumbent legislators or members of the**  
 27 **Congress of the United States;**

28 **in preparing proposed maps of legislative district plans and**  
 29 **congressional district plans.**

30           **(c) After the maps have been published under IC 2-1.5-3-4, the**  
 31 **agency shall review past election results and the addresses of**  
 32 **incumbent senators to evaluate the proposed maps for compliance**  
 33 **with the federal Voting Rights Act and section 9 of this chapter,**  
 34 **and if necessary, shall recommend to the commission one (1) or**  
 35 **more modifications to the maps to bring the maps into compliance**  
 36 **with the federal Voting Rights Act and section 9 of this chapter.**  
 37 **The modifications recommended under this subsection may include**  
 38 **population deviations greater than those imposed under section 4**  
 39 **of this chapter. However, the population deviations may not exceed**  
 40 **ten percent (10%).**

41           **SECTION 2. IC 2-2.1-1-2.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE**  
 42 **AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**



1 1, 2019]: **Sec. 2.7. (a) The definitions in IC 2-1.5-1 apply throughout**  
 2 **this section.**

3 **(b) Before October 1 of a redistricting year, the general**  
 4 **assembly shall convene and enact bills to establish the following:**

- 5 **(1) House of representatives districts.**  
 6 **(2) Senate districts.**  
 7 **(3) Congressional districts.**

8 **(c) A bill to enact a redistricting plan recommended by the**  
 9 **redistricting commission under IC 2-1.5-3 must be introduced in,**  
 10 **considered by, and voted on by each house of the general assembly,**  
 11 **without amendment, except amendments of a technical nature.**

12 **(d) If the general assembly does not enact the redistricting plan**  
 13 **recommended by the redistricting commission under IC 2-1.5-3,**  
 14 **the general assembly shall provide, not later than two (2) days after**  
 15 **the general assembly fails to enact the recommended plan, written**  
 16 **comments to the redistricting commission concerning the reason or**  
 17 **reasons why the recommended plan was not enacted.**

18 **(e) Not later than fifteen (15) days after receiving the general**  
 19 **assembly's comments under subsection (d), the redistricting**  
 20 **commission shall recommend to the general assembly a second**  
 21 **redistricting plan. The second redistricting plan recommended by**  
 22 **the redistricting commission must be introduced in, considered by,**  
 23 **and voted on by each house of the general assembly, without**  
 24 **amendment, except amendments of a technical nature.**

25 **(f) Unless the general assembly has enacted bills described in**  
 26 **subsection (b) at:**

- 27 **(1) a session convened under another section of this chapter;**  
 28 **or**  
 29 **(2) a special session called by the governor;**

30 **the general assembly may not consider a matter that is not relevant**  
 31 **to the legislation described in subsection (b) during a session**  
 32 **convened under this section.**

33 **SECTION 3. IC 3-3-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019].**  
 34 **(Redistricting Commission).**

35 **SECTION 4. IC 3-3-5-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.215-2011,**  
 36 **SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**  
 37 **JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 10. Beginning November 6, 2012, the 2001**  
 38 **Congressional District Plan:**

- 39 **(1) adopted by the redistricting commission under IC 3-3-2**  
 40 **(before its repeal); and**  
 41 **(2) published in the governor's executive order 01-11 in the**  
 42 **Indiana Register at 24 IR 3293-3298;**



1 is void.

2 SECTION 5. IC 3-8-2-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,  
3 SECTION 54, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 8. (a) A declaration of candidacy for the office of  
5 United States Senator or for the office of governor must be  
6 accompanied by a petition signed by at least four thousand five  
7 hundred (4,500) voters of the state, including at least five hundred  
8 (500) voters from each congressional district.

9 (b) Each petition must contain the following:

- 10 (1) The signature of each petitioner.  
11 (2) The name of each petitioner legibly printed.  
12 (3) The residence address of each petitioner as set forth on the  
13 petitioner's voter registration record.

14 (c) Except as provided in this subsection, the signature, printed  
15 name, and residence address of the petitioner must be made in writing  
16 by the petitioner. If a petitioner with a disability is unable to write this  
17 information on the petition, the petitioner may authorize an individual  
18 to do so on the petitioner's behalf. The individual acting under this  
19 subsection shall execute an affidavit of assistance for each such  
20 petitioner, in a form prescribed by the election division. The form must  
21 set forth the name and address of the individual providing assistance,  
22 and the date the individual provided the assistance. The form must be  
23 submitted with the petition.

24 (d) This subsection applies to a petition filed during the period:

- 25 (1) beginning on the date that a congressional district plan has  
26 been adopted under ~~IC 3-3~~; **IC 2-1.5**; and  
27 (2) ending on the date that ~~the part of the act or order issued under~~  
28 ~~IC 3-3-2~~ **establishing** the previous congressional district plan is  
29 repealed or superseded.

30 The petition must be signed by at least four thousand five hundred  
31 (4,500) voters of Indiana, including at least five hundred (500) voters  
32 from each congressional district created by the most recent  
33 congressional district plan adopted under ~~IC 3-3~~; **IC 2-1.5**.

34 SECTION 6. IC 3-8-3-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2015,  
35 SECTION 57, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
36 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) A request filed under section 1 of this  
37 chapter must be accompanied by a petition signed by at least four  
38 thousand five hundred (4,500) voters of the state, including at least five  
39 hundred (500) voters from each congressional district.

40 (b) Each petition must contain the following:

- 41 (1) The signature of each petitioner.  
42 (2) The name of each petitioner legibly printed.



- 1           (3) The residence address of each petitioner as set forth on the  
2           petitioner's voter registration record.
- 3           (c) Except as provided in this subsection, the signature, printed  
4           name, and residence address of the petitioner must be made in writing  
5           by the petitioner. If a petitioner with a disability is unable to write this  
6           information on the petition, the petitioner may authorize an individual  
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8           subsection shall execute an affidavit of assistance for each such  
9           petitioner, in a form prescribed by the election division. The form must  
10          set forth the name and address of the individual providing assistance,  
11          and the date the individual provided the assistance. The form must be  
12          submitted with the petition.
- 13          (d) This subsection applies to a petition filed during the period:
- 14            (1) beginning on the date that a congressional district plan has  
15            been adopted under ~~IC 3-3~~; **IC 2-1.5**; and
- 16            (2) ending on the date that ~~the part of the act or order issued under~~  
17            ~~IC 3-3-2~~ **establishing** the previous congressional district plan is  
18            repealed or superseded.
- 19          The petition must be signed by at least four thousand five hundred  
20          (4,500) voters of Indiana, including at least five hundred (500) voters  
21          from each congressional district created by the most recent  
22          congressional district plan adopted under ~~IC 3-3~~; **IC 2-1.5**.

