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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN
10 ARKANSAS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 IN 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, Boone, Chicot, Clay,
25 ~~Gleburne~~, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Fulton, Greene, Independence,
26 Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Lonoke, Marion, Mississippi, Monroe,
27 Newton, Phillips, ~~Prairie~~, Poinsett, Prairie, Randolph, St. Francis, Searcy,
28 Sharp, Stone, and Woodruff; and

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

- 31 (A) ~~19 (Dunnington) voting district 2;~~
- 32 (B) ~~P15 (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) 3;
- 3 (C) 7;
- 4 (D) 9;
- 5 (E) 10;
- 6 (F) 510;
- 7 (G) 530; and
- 8 (H) 900.

9 ~~(3) The voting districts and voting precincts of Searcy County~~
 10 ~~as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-~~
 11 ~~104(a)(4).~~

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

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17 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 7-2-103 is amended to read as follows:
 18 7-2-103. Second Congressional District.

19 (a) The Second Congressional District shall be composed of:

20 (1) The the counties of Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Perry, Pope,
 21 Pulaski, Saline, Van Buren, and White; and

22 (2) The following voting precincts of Saline County as they
 23 existed on January 1, 2021:

- 24 (A) 1;
- 25 (B) 2;
- 26 (C) 7;
- 27 (D) 8;
- 28 (E) 19;
- 29 (F) 20;
- 30 (G) 21;
- 31 (H) 23;
- 32 (I) 29; and
- 33 (J) 35.

34 (b) The qualified electors residing in the counties and portions of
 35 Saline County listed under subsection (a) of this section shall elect one (1)
 36 member of the United States House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-2-104 is amended to read as follows:

7-2-104. Third Congressional District.

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

(1) The counties of Benton, ~~Boone~~, Carroll, ~~Marion~~, ~~Pope~~, Crawford, Madison, 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)(4).

(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, Johnson, Lafayette, Little River, Logan, ~~Madison~~, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Scott, Sevier, Union, and Yell;

~~(2) The following voting districts of Crawford County as they~~

1 ~~existed on January 1, 2011:~~

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

19 ~~(3)~~ The ~~voting districts and~~ voting precincts of Jefferson
 20 County as they existed on January 1, 2011 2021, that are not listed under §
 21 7-2-102(a)(2);

22 ~~(4)(3)~~ The ~~voting districts and~~ voting precincts of ~~Newton~~
 23 Saline County as they existed on January 1, 2011 2021, that are not listed
 24 under § ~~7-2-104(a)(3)~~ § 7-2-103(a)(2); and

25 ~~(5)(4)~~ The following voting ~~districts~~ precincts of Sebastian
 26 County as they existed on January 1, 2011 2021:

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

1 ~~(J)(K) 9-3 G voting district 9-3G;~~
 2 ~~(K)(L) 9-3 H voting district 9-3H;~~
 3 ~~(L)(M) 9-3 I voting district 9-3I;~~
 4 ~~(M)(N) 9-3 J voting district 9-3J;~~
 5 ~~(N)(O) 9-3 K voting district 9-3K;~~
 6 ~~(O)(P) 9-3 L voting district 9-3L; and~~
 7 ~~(P) 9-3 M voting district~~
 8 (Q) 9-4B; and
 9 (R) 9-4F.

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

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 15 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 16 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the General Assembly is
 17 responsible for establishing the four (4) United States Congressional
 18 Districts in the state; that the United States Congressional Districts are
 19 based on the information provided by the federal decennial census by the
 20 United States Bureau of the Census; that the federal decennial census data
 21 delivery was delayed; that the establishment of the four (4) United States
 22 Congressional Districts is necessary to provide equal representation of the
 23 citizens of Arkansas in the United States Congress; and that this act is
 24 immediately necessary because the establishment of the four (4) United States
 25 Congressional Districts must occur in adequate time for the candidates to
 26 file for office and for the citizens of Arkansas to have a fair election.
 27 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately
 28 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
 29 become effective on:

- 30 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
 31 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
 32 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
 33 bill; or
 34 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
 35 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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