

HOUSE BILL 889

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 16, Part 1 and Title 3, relative to redistricting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Final redistricting plan" means the end proposal of a redistricting committee;

(2) "Redistricting" means the process of redrawing state legislative and congressional district boundaries;

(3) "Redistricting committee" means a standing committee, select or special committee, or ad hoc committee of either house or of both houses of the general assembly charged with the development of a redistricting plan following a federal decennial census; and

(4) "Redistricting plan" means a proposal that contains redrawn state legislative districts, congressional districts, or both state legislative and congressional districts.

(b) Upon appointment of a redistricting committee, there must be a publicly accessible redistricting committee page on the website of the general assembly for redistricting related information, including meeting notices and redistricting plans.

(c) Prior to January of each year ending in one (1) beginning in 2021, a redistricting committee shall hold at least one (1) public meeting in each grand division of

the state to solicit input from individuals, groups, and communities on the development of a redistricting plan.

(d) Prior to final action on a bill comprising a final redistricting plan in a full standing committee with subject matter jurisdiction over redistricting, a thirty-day period for public comment must be observed beginning on the date the final redistricting plan is published on the redistricting committee page of the website of the general assembly.

(e) In accordance with § 3-1-118, all meetings of a redistricting committee must be open to the public.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.