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H.B. No. 200

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to the composition of districts for the election of  
3 members of the United States House of Representatives from Texas.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to fulfill  
6 the Legislature's constitutional responsibility to establish  
7 districts for the election of members of the United States House of  
8 Representatives following the publication of the 2020 census in  
9 compliance with the United States Constitution and applicable  
10 Federal and state law and the decennial reapportionment of  
11 congressional districts among the states.

12 SECTION 2. FINDINGS. The Legislature finds:

13 (1) 2 U.S.C. Section 2a requires the election of  
14 members of the United States House of Representatives from  
15 districts;

16 (2) As a result of the estimated changes in the  
17 population of the state since 2011, the populations of the current  
18 districts for the election of members of the United States House of  
19 Representatives are unequal and no longer comply with applicable  
20 legal requirements; and

21 (3) The current districts must be replaced following  
22 publication of the decennial census with new districts that satisfy  
23 all applicable legal requirements.

24 SECTION 3. COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS. (a) The State of

1 Texas is divided into congressional districts as provided in this  
2 Act. Each district is composed of the counties or parts of counties  
3 as determined by the Legislature consistent with the requirements  
4 of the United States and Texas Constitutions and applicable Federal  
5 law.

6 (b) One member of the United States House of Representatives  
7 is elected from each district established under this Act.

8 SECTION 4. TRANSITION PROVISION. The districts established  
9 by this Act apply to the election of the members of the United  
10 States House of Representatives of the 118th Congress beginning  
11 with the primary and general elections in 2022. This Act does not  
12 affect the membership or districts of members of the United States  
13 House of Representatives of the 117th Congress.

14 SECTION 5. REPEALER. (a) This Act supersedes all previous  
15 enactments or orders adopting districts for the United States House  
16 of Representatives. All previous acts of the legislature adopting  
17 districts for the United States House of Representatives are  
18 repealed.

19 (b) Chapter 3 (S.B. 4), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, 1st  
20 Called Session, 2013, is repealed.

21 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
22 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
23 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
24 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
25 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.