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H.B. No. 1611

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.

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

5 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to fulfill the
6 legislature's duty to redraw the districts for the election of the
7 members of the United States House of Representatives elected from
8 this state in compliance with the United States and Texas
9 Constitutions and applicable federal law following the publication
10 of the 2020 federal decennial census and the decennial
11 reapportionment of representative districts among the states.

12 SECTION 2. The districts from which the members of the
13 United States House of Representatives are elected are the
14 districts as provided by law and used for the election of the
15 members of the House of Representatives of the 117th Congress of the
16 United States except as those districts are changed by Section 3 of
17 this Act.

18 SECTION 3. (a) Angelina County is transferred from
19 Congressional District 1 to Congressional District 8.

20 (b) Gillespie County is transferred from Congressional
21 District 21 to Congressional District 11.

22 (c) The portion of Congressional District 19 located in
23 Floyd County is transferred to Congressional District 13.

24 (d) Bexar County Precinct 4036 is transferred from

1 Congressional District 23 to Congressional District 35.

2 SECTION 4. In this Act, "tract," "block group," and "block"
3 mean the geographic areas identified by those terms on the 2010
4 Census TIGER/Line Shapefiles, prepared by the federal Bureau of the
5 Census for the Twenty-third Decennial Census of the United States,
6 enumerated as of April 1, 2010.

7 SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Texas Legislature
8 that, if any county, tract, block group, block, or other geographic
9 area has erroneously been left out of this Act, a court reviewing
10 this Act should include that area in the appropriate district in
11 accordance with the intent of the legislature, using any available
12 evidence of that intent, including evidence such as that used by the
13 Supreme Court of Texas in Smith v. Patterson, 111 Tex. 535, 242 S.W.
14 749 (1922).

15 SECTION 6. (a) This Act supersedes all previous enactments
16 or orders adopting districts for the United States House of
17 Representatives. All previous acts of the legislature adopting
18 districts for the United States House of Representatives are
19 repealed.

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

22 SECTION 7. The districts established in this Act apply to
23 the election of the members of the United States House of
24 Representatives beginning with the primary and general elections in
25 2022 for members of the 118th Congress of the United States. This
26 Act does not affect the membership or districts of the United States
27 House of Representatives for the 117th Congress of the United

1 States.

2 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.