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H.B. No. 150

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the composition of the districts for the election of
3 members of the Texas House of Representatives.

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

5 SECTION 1. The districts from which the members of the Texas
6 House of Representatives are elected are the districts as provided
7 by law and used for the election of the members of the House of
8 Representatives of the 82nd Legislature except as those districts
9 are changed by Section 2 of this Act.

10 SECTION 2. (a) The portion of House District 21 located in
11 Jefferson County tract 1301, block 3014, is transferred to House
12 District 22.

13 (b) The portion of House District 65 located in Denton
14 County tract 21527, block 1024, is transferred to House District
15 64.

16 (c) The portion of House District 75 located in El Paso
17 County tract 10329, block 1003, is transferred to House District
18 79.

19 (d) The portion of House District 87 located in Sherman
20 County is transferred to House District 88.

21 SECTION 3. In this Act, "tract," "block group," and "block"
22 mean the geographic areas identified by those terms on the 2010
23 Census TIGER/Line Shapefiles, prepared by the federal Bureau of the
24 Census for the Twenty-third Decennial Census of the United States,

1 enumerated as of April 1, 2010.

2 SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Texas Legislature
3 that, if any county, tract, block group, block, or other geographic
4 area has erroneously been left out of this Act, a court reviewing
5 this Act should include that area in the appropriate district in
6 accordance with the intent of the legislature, using any available
7 evidence of that intent, including evidence such as that used by the
8 Supreme Court of Texas in Smith v. Patterson, 111 Tex. 535, 242 S.W.
9 749 (1922).

10 SECTION 5. (a) This Act supersedes all previous enactments
11 or orders adopting districts for the Texas House of
12 Representatives. All previous acts of the legislature adopting
13 districts for the Texas House of Representatives are repealed.

14 (b) The following statutes are repealed:

15 (1) Chapter 899 (H.B. 150), Acts of the 72nd
16 Legislature, Regular Session, 1991 (Article 195a-10, Vernon's
17 Texas Civil Statutes);

18 (2) Chapter 2 (H.B. 1), Acts of the 72nd Legislature,
19 3rd Called Session, 1992 (Article 195a-11, Vernon's Texas Civil
20 Statutes); and

21 (3) Article 196, Revised Statutes.

22 SECTION 6. The districts set out in Section 2 of this Act
23 apply to the election of the members of the Texas House of
24 Representatives beginning with the primary and general elections in
25 2012 for members of the 83rd Legislature. This Act does not affect
26 the membership or districts of the House of Representatives of the
27 82nd Texas Legislature.

1 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
6 legislative session.