1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 3 (In the Senate - Filed May 27, 2013; May 27, 2013, read first time and referred to Select Committee on Redistricting; June 12, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, 1-2 1-3 1-4 Nays 6; June 12, 2013, sent to printer.) 1-5

COMMITTEE VOTE

- 1-7 Yea Absent PNV Nay Seliger 1-8 Х 1-9 <u>Uresti</u> Х 1-10 1-11 Carona Х Х Dunc<u>an</u> 1-12 Х Eltife 1-13 Х Estes Fraser Х 1-14 1**-**15 1**-**16 Garcia Х Hinojosa 1-17 Huffman Х 1-18 Lucio Х 1-19 Patrick Х 1-20 1-21 West Х Williams Х 1-22 Zaffirini Χ
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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-25 relating to the composition of districts for the election of 1-26 members of the Texas House of Representatives.

1-27 1-28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. The interim redistricting plan used to elect 1-29 members of the Texas House of Representatives in 2012 ordered by the 1-30 United States District Court for the Western District of Texas on February 28, 2012, in the case of <u>Perez, et al. v. Perry, et al.</u> (No. SA-11-CV-360), and identified as PLANH309 on the redistricting computer system operated by the Texas Legislative Council, is hereby ratified and adopted as the permanent plan for districts 1-31 1-32 1-33 1-34 1-35 used to elect members of the Texas House of Representatives.

1-36 SECTION 2. In making this enactment the legislature finds 1-37 that:

(1) the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas properly applied the decision of the United 1-38 1-39 States Supreme Court on January 20, 2012, in <u>Perry, et al. v. Perez,</u> <u>et al.</u>, 565 U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ (2012) (per curiam), in the creation of the district court's interim plan for Texas House of Representatives 1-40 1-41 1-42 districts for use in the 2012 elections; 1-43

1 - 44(2) the district court's interim plan for Texas House 1-45 of Representatives districts complies with all federal and state 1-46 constitutional provisions or laws applicable to redistricting plans, including the federal Voting Rights Act; and (3) the adoption of the district court's interim plan 1-47

1-48 1-49 for Texas House of Representatives districts as a permanent plan by 1-50 the Texas Legislature will:

diminish the expense of further time and 1-51 (A) 1-52 money by all parties in Texas' ongoing redistricting litigation;

1-53 avoid disruption of the upcoming election (B) 1-54 cycle; and

1-55 (C) provide certainty and continuity to the 1-56 citizens of Texas regarding the districts used to elect members of 1-57 the Texas House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. Chapter 1271 (House Bill No. 150), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011 (Article 195a-12, Vernon's 1-58 1-59 Texas Civil Statutes), is repealed. 1-60

1-61 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives S.B. No. 3 2-1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 2-2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 2-3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 2-4 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the 2-5 legislative session.

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