

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Based upon data from the United States decennial census, the Texas Legislature redistricts state senate and house of representatives districts, as well as districts for the United States Congress and the Texas State Board of Education (SBOE).

H.B. 1 amends current law relating to the composition of the districts for the election of members of the Texas House of Representatives based on recently released data from the 2020 United States Census.

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. (a) Provides that the members of the Texas House of Representatives (house) are elected from the districts described by Article II of this Act.

(b) Provides that one member is elected from each district established by this Act.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. Sets forth the composition of District 1.

SECTION 2. Sets forth the composition of District 2.

SECTION 3. Sets forth the composition of District 3.

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ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. Defines "tract," "block group," and "block" for purposes of this Act.

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

SECTION 3. (a) Provides that this Act supersedes all previous enactments or orders adopting districts for the house. Provides that all previous acts of the legislature adopting districts for the house are repealed.

(b) Repealer: Chapter 2 (S.B. 3) (relating to the composition of districts for the election of members of the house), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2013 (Article 195a-13, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

SECTION 4. Provides that the districts described by Article II of this Act apply to the election of the members of the house beginning with the primary and general elections in 2022 for members of the 88th Legislature. Provides that this Act does not affect the membership or districts of the house of the 87th Texas Legislature.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.