

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 House of Representatives and the Texas State Board of Education (SBOE).

S.B. 6 amends current law relating to the composition of the districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives based on recently released data from the 2020 United States Census.

As proposed, S.B. 6 amends current law relating to the composition of the districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas.

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 United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas 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.

SECTION 4. Sets forth the composition of District 4.

SECTION 5. Sets forth the composition of District 5.

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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 intention of the Texas 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 congressional districts for the State of Texas. Provides that all previous acts of the legislature adopting congressional districts for the State of Texas are repealed.

(b) Repealer: Chapter 3 (S.B. 4), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2013 (relating to the composition of districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives from Texas).

SECTION 4. Provides that the districts set out in Article II of this Act apply to the election of the members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas beginning with the primary and general elections in 2022 for members of the 118th Congress. Provides that this Act does not affect the membership or congressional districts of the 117th Congress.

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