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H.B. No. 1

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the composition of 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 ARTICLE I

6 SECTION 1. (a) The members of the Texas House of
7 Representatives are elected from the districts described by Article
8 II of this Act.

9 (b) One member is elected from each district established by
10 this Act.

11 ARTICLE II

12 SECTION 1. The districts for members of the Texas House of
13 Representatives are as described by PLANH2101 on the redistricting
14 computer system operated by the Texas Legislative Council.

15 ARTICLE III

16 SECTION 1. In this Act, "tract," "block group," and "block"
17 mean the geographic areas identified by those terms on the 2020
18 Census TIGER/Line Shapefiles, prepared by the federal Bureau of the
19 Census for the Twenty-fourth Decennial Census of the United States,
20 enumerated as of April 1, 2020.

21 SECTION 2. It is the intent of the legislature that if any
22 county, tract, block group, block, or other geographic area has
23 erroneously been left out of this Act, a court reviewing this Act
24 should include that area in the appropriate district in accordance

1 with the intent of the legislature, using any available evidence of
2 that intent, including evidence such as that used by the Supreme
3 Court of Texas in Smith v. Patterson, 111 Tex. 535, 242 S.W. 749
4 (1922).

5 SECTION 3. (a) This Act supersedes all previous enactments
6 or orders adopting districts for the Texas House of
7 Representatives. All previous acts of the legislature adopting
8 districts for the Texas House of Representatives are repealed.

9 (b) Chapter 2 (S.B. 3), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, 1st
10 Called Session, 2013 (Article 195a-13, Vernon's Texas Civil
11 Statutes), is repealed.

12 SECTION 4. The districts described by Article II of this Act
13 apply to the election of the members of the Texas House of
14 Representatives beginning with the primary and general elections in
15 2022 for members of the 88th Legislature. This Act does not affect
16 the membership or districts of the House of Representatives of the
17 87th Texas Legislature.

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