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H.B. No. 63

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
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 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to fulfill the
6 legislature's duty under Section 28, Article III, Texas
7 Constitution, to redraw the districts for the election of the
8 members of the Texas House of Representatives in compliance with
9 the United States and Texas Constitutions and applicable federal
10 law following the publication of the 2020 federal decennial census.

11 SECTION 2. The districts from which the members of the Texas
12 House of Representatives are elected are the districts as provided
13 by law and used for the election of the members of the House of
14 Representatives of the 87th Legislature except as those districts
15 are changed by Section 3 of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. (a) The portion of House District 3 located in
17 Montgomery County tract 690401, block 1000, is transferred to House
18 District 15.

19 (b) The portion of House District 64 located in Denton
20 County tract 020800, block 1041, is transferred to House District
21 63.

22 (c) The portion of House District 93 located in Tarrant
23 County tract 114103, block 1001, is transferred to House District
24 99.

1 SECTION 4. In this Act, "tract," "block group," and "block"
2 mean the geographic areas identified by those terms on the 2010
3 Census TIGER/Line Shapefiles, prepared by the federal Bureau of the
4 Census for the Twenty-third Decennial Census of the United States,
5 enumerated as of April 1, 2010.

6 SECTION 5. It is the intent of the legislature that if any
7 county, tract, block group, block, or other geographic area has
8 erroneously been left out of this Act, a court reviewing this Act
9 should include that area in the appropriate district in accordance
10 with the intent of the legislature, using any available evidence of
11 that intent, including evidence such as that used by the Supreme
12 Court of Texas in Smith v. Patterson, 111 Tex. 535, 242 S.W. 749
13 (1922).

14 SECTION 6. (a) This Act supersedes all previous enactments
15 or orders adopting districts for the Texas House of
16 Representatives. All previous acts of the legislature adopting
17 districts for the Texas House of Representatives are repealed.

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20 Statutes), is repealed.

21 SECTION 7. The districts established in this Act apply to
22 the election of the members of the Texas House of Representatives
23 beginning with the primary and general elections in 2022 for
24 members of the 88th Legislature. This Act does not affect the
25 membership or districts of the House of Representatives of the 87th
26 Texas Legislature.

27 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.