

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1000  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Article III, Section 28, of the Texas Constitution requires the legislature to apportion state senate and house districts at its first regular session following the publication of the U.S. decennial census. However, the publication of the 2020 census data was delayed until after the 2021 regular legislative session. During the 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, lawmakers adopted district maps for the Texas Senate and House of Representatives, U.S. Congress, and the State Board of Education, but the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, is the first regular session following the publication of the 2020 federal census. H.B. 1000 seeks to ensure that the legislature fulfills its constitutional duty of apportionment by ratifying the Texas House of Representatives district maps passed in 2021.

H.B. 1000 amends current law relating to the composition of districts for the election of members of the Texas House of Representatives.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Provides that the purpose of this Act is to ensure the legislature has fulfilled its duty to apportion the state into representative districts at its first regular session after the publication of the Twenty-fourth Decennial Census of the United States, as provided by Section 28 (Time for Apportionment; Apportionment by Legislative Redistricting Board), Article III (Legislative Department), Texas Constitution.

SECTION 2. Provides that the districts used to elect members of the Texas House of Representatives in 2022, established by Chapter 1 (H.B. 1), Acts of the 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2021 (PLANH2316 in the Texas Legislature's redistricting system), are hereby ratified and adopted as the districts used to elect members of the Texas House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. Provides that the districts described by Section 2 of this Act apply to the election of the members of the Texas House of Representatives beginning with the primary and general elections in 2024 for members of the 89th Legislature. Provides that this Act does not affect the membership or districts of the Texas House of Representatives of the 88th Texas Legislature.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2023.