

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
2022 Regular Session
To: Rules
By: Representative Beckett

House Bill 384

(As Passed the House)

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-1037, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAPPORTION THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 23-15-1037, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-1037. (1) The State of Mississippi is hereby divided into * * * four (4) congressional districts below:

FIRST DISTRICT. ☪ The First Congressional District shall be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw,
Choctaw, Clay, DeSoto, Itawamba, Lafayette,
Lee, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tate,
Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster * * *; * * * in
Oktibbeha County, the precincts of Self Creek/Double
Springs, Maben and *Sturgis/North Bradley * * *.

SECOND DISTRICT. ☪ The Second Congressional District shall be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

Adams, Amite, Attala, Bolivar, Carroll, Claiborne,
Coahoma, Copiah, Franklin, Grenada, Holmes, Humphreys,
Issaquena, Jefferson, Leake, Leflore, Montgomery,
Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica,
Warren, Washington, Wilkinson, Yalobusha, Yazoo; * * * in
Hinds County Precincts 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, *16, 18,
19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 37, 38,
39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, *46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55,
56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72,
73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84 * * *, 85, 86,
87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, and the
precincts of Bolton, Brownsville, Byram 1, Byram 2, Byram
3, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,
Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Clinton 7, Cynthia, Dry
Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old Byram, Pine Haven,
Pocahontas, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St.
Thomas, Terry 1, Terry 2, Tinnin, Utica 1 and Utica
2; * * * in Madison County the precincts of * * * Anderson
Lodge, * * * Camden, Cameron, Canton Bible Church, Canton
Catholic Parish Center, Canton Community Center, Canton
Fire Station #4, *Canton National Guard Armory, Canton
South Liberty, Canton St. Paul Methodist, Cedar Grove,
*Colonial Heights, Couparle, Farmhaven Fire Station,
Greater Mt. Levi Church, Madison County Baptist Family Life
Center, Magnolia Heights, * * * Mount Hope, Pleasant Gift
Church, Pleasant Green, Tougaloo * * *.

THIRD DISTRICT. ☪ The Third Congressional District shall be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

Clarke, Covington, * * * Jasper, Jefferson
Davis, Kemper, Lauderdale, * * * Lawrence, Lincoln,
Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, * * * Pike,
Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Walthall, Winston; * * * in
Hinds County the precincts of 8, 9, 14, *16, 17, 32, 33,
34, 35, 36, 44, *46 and 78; in Jones County the precincts
of * * * Matthews, Shady Grove,
Sharon, * * * and Sandersville Civic
Center * * *; * * * in Madison County * * * the precincts
of First Presbyterian, *Canton National Guard Armory, China
Grove, *Colonial Heights, Fellowship Baptist Church, Ferns
Chapel Freewill, First Baptist, Franklin Bible Church,
Gluckstadt, Grace Crossing, Highland Colony Baptist Church,
Lake Caroline Clubhouse, Mark Apartments, New Life,
NorthBay, Parkway Church, Ridgeland First Methodist Church,
Ridgeland Recreational Center, SunnyBrook, Trace Ridge,
Twin Lakes Baptist, Vertical Church, Victory Baptist Church
and Victory Christian; * * * in Oktibbeha County * * * the
precincts of Bell Schoolhouse, Center Grove/North Adaton,
Central Starkville, Craig Springs/South Bradley, East
Starkville, Hickory Grove/Southeast Oktibbeha, Needmore
Voting District, North Longview, North Starkville 2, North
Starkville 3, Oktoc, Osborn, Sessums, South Adaton, South

Longview, South Starkville, *Sturgis/North Bradley and West Starkville * * *.

FOURTH DISTRICT. ¶ The Fourth Congressional District shall be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

* * * Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Pearl River, Perry, Stone, Wayne; * * * in Jones County * * * the precincts of Antioch, Blackwell, Bruce, Calhoun, Centerville, County Barn, Currie, Erata, G.V. Harrison Multipurpose Building, Gitano, Glade School, Hebron, Johnson, Landrum Community Center, Lt. Ellis Center, Magnolia Center, Mauldin Community Center, Moselle, Myrick, North Laurel, Oak Park School, Ovelt, Parkview Baptist Church, Pinegrove, Pleasant Ridge, Powers Community Center, Rainey, Rustin, Sandhill, Shelton, Soso, Tuckers, Union and West Ellisville.

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(2) The boundaries of the congressional districts described in subsection (1) of this section shall be the boundaries of the counties * * * along such congressional district boundaries as the boundaries of such counties existed on January 1, 2022, and the precinct boundaries along such congressional district boundaries as such precinct boundaries are contained in Census Bureau's P.L. 94-171 geographic support products provided for use with the September 16th data deliveries officially called the

"2020 Census State Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171)
Summary Files."

SECTION 2. Partial or split precincts contained in Section 1 are identified in Section 1 by an asterisk (*) which shall precede its designation within the description of a district. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee shall file with the Secretary of State the Split Precinct Block List developed in conjunction with the plan contained in this House Bill No. _____, 2022 Regular Session that details the portions of the partial or split precincts that are contained within a district by census block number, and such document duly filed with the Secretary of State is hereby incorporated into and shall be construed to be an integral part of this House Bill No. _____, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 3. (1) This act shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes thereof and to redistrict the Congressional Districts of this state in compliance with constitutional requirements. It is the intent of the Legislature that this act, and the districts described herein, completely encompass all the area within the state. It is also intended that such districts contain all the inhabitants in this state. It is further intended that the redistricting provided for in this House Bill No. _____, 2022 Regular Session results in the creation of districts which are as close to equal in population as

practicable. It is also intended that no district shall include any of the area included within the description of any other district.

(2) If the districts described in Section 1 do not carry out the purposes thereof, because of unintentional omissions; duplications; overlapping areas; erroneous nomenclature; lack of adequate maps or descriptions of political subdivisions, wards or other divisions thereof, or of their boundary lines, then the Secretary of State, at the request of the Chair or Vice Chair of the Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee shall, by order, correct such omissions, overlaps, erroneous nomenclature or other defects in the description of districts so as to accomplish the purposes and objectives of this House Bill No. _____, 2022 Regular Session.

(3) In promulgating such orders, the Secretary of State, in addition to achieving equality in the population of districts and ensuring that all areas of the state are completely and accurately encompassed in such districts, shall be guided by the following standards:

(a) In any instance in which there is a conflict between the description of a district as set out in this House Bill No. _____, 2022 Regular Session and the map of the Congressional Districts developed by the Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee in conjunction with the adopted redistricting plan, the map shall control; however, in instances in which the map is inconclusive, the

criteria set out in paragraphs (b) through (f) shall control House Bill No. _____, 2022 Regular Session and any dispute or issue regarding the composition of any Congressional District;

(b) Gaps in the description of any district shall be completed in a manner which results in a total description of that district in a manner which is consonant with the description of adjacent districts and results in complete contiguity of districts;

(c) Areas of the state included within the descriptions of more than one (1) district shall be allocated to the district having the lowest population;

(d) Areas of the state not included within the descriptions of any district shall be allocated to the adjacent district having the lowest population;

(e) In the event that the area subject to corrected description or allocation as provided in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this subsection is of such size or contains such population that its inclusion as a unit in any district would result in substantial disparity in the size, shape or population of such district, then the Secretary of State may allocate portions of such area to two (2) or more districts; and

(f) In any allocation of area or correction of descriptions made pursuant to this House Bill No. _____, 2022 Regular Session, the Secretary of State shall, consistent with the foregoing standards, preserve the

contiguity and compactness of districts and avoid the unnecessary division of political subdivisions.

(4) Copies of such orders shall be filed by the Secretary of State in his or her own office and in the offices of the affected election commissioners and registrars. The Secretary of State may adopt reasonable rules regulating the procedure for applications for orders under this House Bill No. _____, 2022 Regular Session in the manner of serving and filing any notice or copy of orders relating thereto. Upon the filing of such an order, the description of any affected district shall be deemed to have been corrected in the manner provided in such order to the full extent as if such correction had been contained in the original description set forth in this House Bill No. _____, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 4. The Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee is directed to provide all information necessary to assist the counties in identifying the boundaries of the districts described in Section 1.

SECTION 5. The redistricting contained in Section 1 shall supersede any prior redistricting, and any prior redistricting shall be null and void upon the date this House Bill No. _____, 2022 Regular Session is effectuated.

SECTION 6. If any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or any part of this bill is declared to be unconstitutional or void or if for any reason is declared to be invalid or of no effect, the remaining paragraphs, sentences, clauses,

phrases or parts thereof shall be in no manner affected
thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force
from and after its passage.
