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To: Apportionment and  
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1

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

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

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

7 23-15-1037. (1) The State of Mississippi is hereby divided  
8 into four (4) congressional districts as follows:

9 **FIRST DISTRICT.** The First Congressional District shall be  
10 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:  
11 Clarke, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson,  
12 Jones, Lamar, Pearl River, Perry, Stone, Wayne; in Lauderdale  
13 County the precincts of Precincts 1, 2, 5, 16, 17, 18 and 19, and  
14 the precincts of Prospect, Odom, East Marion, Pickard, Clarkdale,  
15 Culpepper, Valley, Causeyville, Vimville, Whynot, Zero and Mt.  
16 Gilead.

17 **SECOND DISTRICT.** The Second Congressional District shall be  
18 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:  
19 Adams, Amite, Clay, Copiah, Covington, Franklin, Jasper, Jefferson  
20 Davis, Kemper, Lawrence, Lincoln, Lowndes, Marion, Noxubee,  
21 Oktibbeha, Pike, Simpson, Smith, Walthall, Wilkinson; in Hinds  
22 County Precincts 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 32, 33, 47, 53, 58, 63, 64, 66,  
23 69, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 92, 93, 95, 96 and 97, and the  
24 precincts of Spring Ridge, Byram 1, Byram 2, Old Byram, Terry,  
25 Chapel Hill and Dry Grove; in Monroe County the precincts of South  
26 Aberdeen 4, Darracott, Strong, Muldon, Prairie and Gibson; in  
27 Neshoba County the precincts of Tucker District 1, New West

28 Central Philadelphia, North Bend, Central, Northeast Philadelphia,  
29 Forestdale, Bogue Chitto, East Philadelphia, Southeast  
30 Philadelphia, Bloomfield, Countyline, Tucker District 3, House,  
31 Herbert, Golden Grove, Deemer, Northwest Philadelphia, Burnside,  
32 East Neshoba and Stallo; in Newton County the precincts of Union  
33 1, Decatur 1, Decatur 1-A, Newton 1, Union 2, Duffee, Chapel Hill,  
34 Little Rock, Lawrence, Newton 4, Hazel, Chunky, Hickory, Liberty  
35 and Newton 5; in Rankin County the precincts of Clear Branch,  
36 Cleary, East Steens Creek, Mountain Creek, North Richland, South  
37 Richland, Star, West Pearl, West Steens Creek, Cato, Cunningham  
38 Heights, Dry Creek, Monterey, Puckett, South Pearson, Antioch,  
39 Johns, Mayton, Crossroads, Shiloh, Springhill, West Brandon,  
40 Whitfield and South Brandon; in Scott County the precincts of  
41 North Forest, South Forest, Usry, Lake, High Hill, Homewood,  
42 East-West Morton, Northwest Forest, Pulaski, Springfield,  
43 Coopersville, North Morton and Northeast Forest; in Winston County  
44 the precincts of Gum Branch, Fairground, Louisville High School,  
45 Old National Guard Armory, Louisville Electric, Ellison Ridge,  
46 Nanah Waiya-Handle, Nanah Waiya, Lovorn Tractor, Crystal Ridge,  
47 Sinai, New Hope, American Legion, Betheden-Loakfoma, Elementary  
48 School, Bethany, Bond, Zion Ridge, County Agent, Calvary, Dean  
49 Park, E.M.E.P.A. and Noxapater; and that portion of Lauderdale  
50 County not included in the First Congressional District.

51       **THIRD DISTRICT.** The Third Congressional District shall be  
52 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:  
53 Bolivar, Carroll, Claiborne, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys,  
54 Issaquena, Jefferson, Leflore, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower,  
55 Tallahatchie, Tunica, Warren, Washington, Yazoo; in Attala County  
56 the precincts of South Central, Northeast, Carmack, Hesterville,  
57 Possumneck, North Central, Northwest, Aponaug, McAdams, Newport,  
58 Sallis and Southwest; in Grenada County the precincts of Grenada  
59 Box 1, Tie Plant, Elliott, Sweethome, Grenada Box 2, Gore Springs,  
60 Futheyville, Providence, Grenada Box 3, Kirkman, Pleasant Grove,

61 Grenada Box 4, Geeslin, Grenada Box 5 and Holcomb; in Leake County  
62 the precincts of North Carthage, Conway, West Carthage, Wiggins,  
63 Thomastown and Ofahoma; in Madison County the precincts of Ratliff  
64 Ferry, Canton Precinct 2, Canton Precinct 3, Canton Precinct 7,  
65 Ridgeland 3, Ridgeland 4, Lorman-Cavalier, Ridgeland 1, Tougaloo,  
66 Smith School, Magnolia Heights, Flora, Virllilia, Canton Precinct  
67 5, Liberty, New Industrial Park, Madison County Baptist Family  
68 Life Center, Cameron, Couparle, Camden, Sharon, Canton Precinct 1,  
69 Canton Precinct 4, Luther Branson School and Bible Church; in  
70 Montgomery County the precincts of Mt. Pisgah, North Winona, Duck  
71 Hill, West Winona, Alva, East Winona, Lodi, Kilmichael, Southeast  
72 Winona and South Winona; in Panola County the precincts of West  
73 Sardis, West Como, East Como, Pleasant Mount, Longtown, Crenshaw,  
74 Pleasant Grove, South Sardis, Belmont-Hebron, Curtis, North Asa,  
75 East Crowder, Tocowa, Pope, Courtland, Batesville 3, West  
76 Batesville 4, North Batesville A and North Batesville B; in Tate  
77 County the precincts of Sarah, Sherrod, Strayhorn, Coldwater No.  
78 2, Arkabutla, Evansville, Coldwater No. 3, Senatobia No. 4,  
79 Looxahoma, Tyro, Thyatira and Wyatte; in Yalabusha County the  
80 precincts of Oakland and Coffeeville 4; and that portion of Hinds  
81 County not included in the Second Congressional District.

82       **FOURTH DISTRICT.** The Fourth Congressional District shall be  
83 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:  
84 Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, DeSoto, Itawamba,  
85 LaFayette, Lee, Marshall, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo,  
86 Union and Webster; that portion of Attala County not included in  
87 the Third Congressional District; that portion of Grenada County  
88 not included in the Third Congressional District; that portion of  
89 Leake County not included in the Third Congressional District;  
90 that portion of Madison County not included in the Third  
91 Congressional District; that portion of Monroe County not included  
92 in the Second Congressional District; that portion of Montgomery  
93 County not included in the Third Congressional District; that

94 portion of Neshoba County not included in the Second Congressional  
95 District; that portion of Newton County not included in the Second  
96 Congressional District; that portion of Panola County not included  
97 in the Third Congressional District; that portion of Rankin County  
98 not included in the Second Congressional District; that portion of  
99 Scott County not included in the Second Congressional District;  
100 that portion of Tate County not included in the Third  
101 Congressional District; that portion of Winston County not  
102 included in the Second Congressional District; and that portion of  
103 Yalobusha County not included in the Third Congressional District.

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105 (2) The boundaries of the congressional districts described  
106 in subsection (1) of this section shall be the boundaries of the  
107 counties along such congressional district boundaries as the  
108 boundaries of such counties existed on October 1, 2001, and the  
109 precinct boundaries along such congressional district boundaries  
110 as such precinct boundaries are contained in Census 2000  
111 redistricting maps (Public Law 94-171) TIGER line file.

112 **SECTION 2.** The Chairman of the Standing Joint Congressional  
113 Redistricting Committee, with the assistance of counsel employed  
114 by the Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee, shall  
115 submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor or  
116 approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, either to the  
117 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
118 District Court of the District of Columbia, or both, in accordance  
119 with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended  
120 and extended.

121 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
122 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
123 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.