

By: Senator(s) Kirby

To: Rules

SENATE BILL NO. 2001

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 below:

9 **FIRST DISTRICT.** - The First Congressional District shall be
10 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

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

16 **SECOND DISTRICT.** - The Second Congressional District shall
17 be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:



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

41 **THIRD DISTRICT.** — The Third Congressional District shall be
42 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:



43 Clarke, * * * Covington, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Kemper,
44 Lauderdale, * * * Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Neshoba, Newton,
45 Noxubee, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Walthall,
46 Winston; * * * in Hinds County Precincts 14, *16 (part), 17, 32,
47 33, 34, 35, 36, 44, *46 (part), 78, 8 and 9; in Jones County the
48 precincts of Matthews, Sandersville Civic Center, Shady Grove and
49 Sharon; in Madison County the precincts of 1st Presbyterian,
50 *Canton National Guard Armory (part), China Grove, *Colonial
51 Heights (part), Fellowship Bible Church, Ferns Chapel Freewill,
52 First Baptist, Frankin Baptist Church, Gluckstadt, Grace Crossing,
53 Highland Colony Baptist Church, Lake Caroline Clubhouse, Mark
54 Apartments, New Life, Northbay, Parkway Church, Ridgeland First
55 Methodist Church, Ridgeland Recreational Center, Sunnybrook, Trace
56 Ridge, Twin Lakes Baptist, Vertical Church, Victory Baptist Church
57 and Victory Christian; in Oktibbeha County the precincts of Bell
58 Schoolhouse, Center Grove/North Adaton, Central Starkville, Craig
59 Springs/South Bradley, East Starkville, Hickory Grove/Southeast
60 Oktibbeha, Needmore Voting District, North Longview, North
61 Starkville 2, North Starkville 3, Oktoc, Osborn, Sessums, South
62 Adaton, South Longview, South Starkville, *Sturgis/North Bradley
63 (part) and West Starkville.

64 **FOURTH DISTRICT.** - The Fourth Congressional District shall
65 be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

66 * * * Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson,
67 Lamar, Pearl River, Perry, Stone, Wayne; in Jones County, the



68 precincts of Antioch, Blackwell, Bruce, Calhoun, Centerville,
69 County Barn, Currie, Erata, G.V. Harrison Multipurpose Bldg.,
70 Gitano, Glade School, Hebron, Johnson, Landrum Community Center,
71 Lt. Ellis Center, Magnolia Center, Mauldin Community Center,
72 Moselle, Myrick, North Laurel, Oak Park School, Ovet, Parkview
73 Baptist Church, Pinegrove, Pleasant Ridge, Powers Community
74 Center, Rainey, Rustin, Sandhill, Shelton, Soso, Tuckers, Union
75 and West Ellisville.

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77 (2) The boundaries of the congressional districts described
78 in subsection (1) of this section shall be the boundaries of the
79 counties * * * along such congressional district boundaries as the
80 boundaries of the counties existed on January 1, 2022, and the
81 precinct boundaries along such congressional district boundaries
82 as the precinct boundaries are contained in Census Bureau's Public
83 Law 94-171 geographic support products provided for use with the
84 September 16th data deliveries officially called the "2020 Census
85 State Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files."

86 **SECTION 2.** Partial or split precincts are identified in this
87 act by an asterisk that precedes its designation within the
88 description of a district. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the
89 Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee shall file
90 with the Secretary of State the Split Precinct Block List
91 developed in conjunction with the plan contained in this act that
92 details the portions of the partial or split precincts that are



93 contained within a district by census block number, and such
94 document duly filed with the Secretary of State is hereby
95 incorporated into and shall be construed to be an integral part of
96 this act.

97 **SECTION 3.** (1) This act shall be liberally construed to
98 effectuate the purposes thereof and to redistrict the
99 congressional districts of this state in compliance with
100 constitutional requirements. It is the intent of the Legislature
101 that this act, and the districts described herein, completely
102 encompass all the area within the state. It is also intended that
103 such districts contain all the inhabitants in this state. It is
104 further intended that the redistricting provided for in this act
105 results in the creation of districts that are as close to equal in
106 population as practicable. It is also intended that no district
107 shall contain any of the area included within the description of
108 another district.

109 (2) If the districts described in this act do not carry out
110 the purposes thereof because of unintentional omissions,
111 duplications, overlapping areas, erroneous nomenclature, lack of
112 adequate maps or descriptions of political subdivisions, wards or
113 other divisions thereof, or of their boundary lines, then the
114 Secretary of State, at the request of the Chair or Vice Chairman
115 of the Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee shall,
116 by order, correct such omissions, overlaps, erroneous nomenclature



117 or other defects in the description of districts so as to
118 accomplish the purposes and objectives of this act.

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

124 (a) In any instance in which there is a conflict
125 between the description of a district as provided in this act and
126 the map of the congressional districts developed by the Standing
127 Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee in conjunction with
128 the adopted redistricting plan, the map shall control; however, in
129 instances in which the map is inconclusive, the criteria provided
130 in paragraphs (b) through (f) of this subsection shall control any
131 dispute or issue regarding the composition of any congressional
132 district;

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

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



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

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

150 (f) In any allocation of area or correction of
151 descriptions made pursuant to this act, the Secretary of State
152 shall, consistent with the foregoing standards, preserve the
153 contiguity and compactness of districts and avoid the unnecessary
154 division of political subdivisions.

155 (4) Copies of such orders shall be filed by the Secretary of
156 State in his office and in the offices of the affected
157 commissioners of election and registrars. The Secretary of State
158 may adopt reasonable rules regulating the procedure for
159 applications for orders under this act in the manner of serving
160 and filing a notice or copy of orders relating thereto. Upon the
161 filing of an order, the description of any affected district shall
162 be deemed to have been corrected in the manner provided in such
163 order to the full extent as if the correction had been contained
164 in the original description provided in this act.



165 **SECTION 4.** The Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting
166 Committee is directed to provide all information necessary to
167 assist the counties in identifying the boundaries of the districts
168 described in this act.

169 **SECTION 5.** The redistricting contained in this act shall
170 supersede any prior redistricting, and any prior redistricting
171 shall be null and void upon the date this act is effectuated.

172 **SECTION 6.** If any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or any
173 part of this act is declared to be unconstitutional or void, or if
174 for any reason is declared to be invalid or of no effect, the
175 remaining paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases or parts thereof
176 shall be in no manner affected thereby, but shall remain in full
177 force and effect.

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

