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To: Rules

SENATE BILL NO. 2826

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 Winston County, the precincts of County Agent, \*Shiloh and Zion  
15 Ridge.

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



18 Attala, Bolivar, Carroll, Claiborne, Coahoma, Copiah,  
19 Grenada, Hinds, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Leake,  
20 Leflore, Montgomery, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower,  
21 Tallahatchie, Tunica, Warren, Washington, Yalobusha, Yazoo; \* \* \*  
22 in Madison County the precincts of \* \* \* Anderson Lodge, Camden,  
23 Cameron, Canton Bible Church, Canton Catholic Parish Center,  
24 Canton Community Center, Canton Fire Station #4, Canton National  
25 Guard Armory, Canton South Liberty, Canton St. Paul Methodist,  
26 Cedar Grove, Colonial Heights, Couparle, Farmhaven Fire Station,  
27 Fellowship Bible Church, Ferns Chapel Freewill, Franklin Baptist  
28 Church, \*Grace Crossing, Greater Mt. Levi Church, Highland Colony  
29 Baptist Church, Madison County Baptist Family Life Center,  
30 Magnolia Heights, Mark Apartments, Mount Hope, Pleasant Gift  
31 Church, Pleasant Green, Ridgeland First Methodist Church,  
32 Ridgeland Recreational Center, Tougaloo and Trace Ridge.

33 **THIRD DISTRICT.** - The Third Congressional District shall be  
34 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

35 Adams, Amite, Clarke, \* \* \* Covington, Franklin, Jasper,  
36 Jefferson Davis, Kemper, Lauderdale, \* \* \* Lawrence, Lincoln,  
37 Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pike, Rankin, Scott,  
38 Simpson, Smith, \* \* \* Walthall, Wilkinson; \* \* \* in Jones County  
39 the precincts of \* \* \* \*Blackwell, Gitano, Hebron, Matthews,  
40 Mauldin Community Center, Shady Grove \* \* \* and Soso; \* \* \* in  
41 Madison County, the precincts of First Presbyterian, China Grove,  
42 First Baptist, Gluckstadt, \*Grace Crossing, Lake Caroline



43 Clubhouse, New Life, NorthBay, Parkway Church, SunnyBrook, Twin  
44 Lakes Baptist, Vertical Church, Victory Baptist Church and Victory  
45 Christian; in Winston County, the precincts of American Legion,  
46 East Winston, Fairground, Lovorn Tractor, Mars Hill, Mill Creek,  
47 Nanah Waiya, New National Guard Armory, Noxapater and \*Shiloh.

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

50 \* \* \* Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson,  
51 Lamar, Pearl River, Perry, Stone, Wayne; in Jones County, the  
52 precincts of Antioch, \*Blackwell, Bruce, Calhoun, Centerville,  
53 County Barn, Currie, Erata, G.V. Harrison Multipurpose Building,  
54 Glade School, Johnson, Landrum Community Center, Lt. Ellis Center,  
55 Magnolia Center, Moselle, Myrick, North Laurel, Oak Park School,  
56 Ovett, Parkview Baptist Church, Pinegrove, Pleasant Ridge, Powers  
57 Community Center, Rainey, Rustin, Sandersville Civic Center,  
58 Sandhill, Sharon, Shelton, Tuckers, Union and West Ellisville.

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60 (2) The boundaries of the congressional districts described  
61 in subsection (1) of this section shall be the boundaries of the  
62 counties \* \* \* along such congressional district boundaries as the  
63 boundaries of the counties existed on January 1, 2022, and the  
64 precinct boundaries along such congressional district boundaries  
65 as the precinct boundaries are contained in Census Bureau's Public  
66 Law 94-171 geographic support products provided for use with the



67 September 16th data deliveries officially called the "2020 Census  
68 State Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files."

69       **SECTION 2.** Partial or split precincts are identified in this  
70 act by an asterisk that precedes its designation within the  
71 description of a district. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the  
72 Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee shall file  
73 with the Secretary of State the Split Precinct Block List  
74 developed in conjunction with the plan contained in this act that  
75 details the portions of the partial or split precincts that are  
76 contained within a district by census block number, and such  
77 document duly filed with the Secretary of State is hereby  
78 incorporated into and shall be construed to be an integral part of  
79 this act.

80       **SECTION 3.** (1) This act shall be liberally construed to  
81 effectuate the purposes thereof and to redistrict the  
82 congressional districts of this state in compliance with  
83 constitutional requirements. It is the intent of the Legislature  
84 that this act, and the districts described herein, completely  
85 encompass all the area within the state. It is also intended that  
86 such districts contain all the inhabitants in this state. It is  
87 further intended that the redistricting provided for in this act  
88 results in the creation of districts that are as close to equal in  
89 population as practicable. It is also intended that no district  
90 shall contain any of the area included within the description of  
91 another district.



92           (2) If the districts described in this act do not carry out  
93 the purposes thereof because of unintentional omissions,  
94 duplications, overlapping areas, erroneous nomenclature, lack of  
95 adequate maps or descriptions of political subdivisions, wards or  
96 other divisions thereof, or of their boundary lines, then the  
97 Secretary of State, at the request of the Chair or Vice Chairman  
98 of the Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee shall,  
99 by order, correct such omissions, overlaps, erroneous nomenclature  
100 or other defects in the description of districts so as to  
101 accomplish the purposes and objectives of this act.

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

107           (a) In any instance in which there is a conflict  
108 between the description of a district as provided in this act and  
109 the map of the congressional districts developed by the Standing  
110 Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee in conjunction with  
111 the adopted redistricting plan, the map shall control; however, in  
112 instances in which the map is inconclusive, the criteria provided  
113 in paragraphs (b) through (f) of this subsection shall control any  
114 dispute or issue regarding the composition of any congressional  
115 district;



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

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

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

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

133 (f) In any allocation of area or correction of  
134 descriptions made pursuant to this act, the Secretary of State  
135 shall, consistent with the foregoing standards, preserve the  
136 contiguity and compactness of districts and avoid the unnecessary  
137 division of political subdivisions.

138 (4) Copies of such orders shall be filed by the Secretary of  
139 State in his office and in the offices of the affected  
140 commissioners of election and registrars. The Secretary of State



141 may adopt reasonable rules regulating the procedure for  
142 applications for orders under this act in the manner of serving  
143 and filing a notice or copy of orders relating thereto. Upon the  
144 filing of an order, the description of any affected district shall  
145 be deemed to have been corrected in the manner provided in such  
146 order to the full extent as if the correction had been contained  
147 in the original description provided in this act.

148         **SECTION 4.** The Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting  
149 Committee is directed to provide all information necessary to  
150 assist the counties in identifying the boundaries of the districts  
151 described in this act.

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

155         **SECTION 6.** If any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or any  
156 part of this act is declared to be unconstitutional or void, or if  
157 for any reason is declared to be invalid or of no effect, the  
158 remaining paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases or parts thereof  
159 shall be in no manner affected thereby, but shall remain in full  
160 force and effect.

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

