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REFERENDUM PETITION – HB1982 / ACT 1114 OF 2021

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VOTERS REGISTERED IN _____ COUNTY

To the Honorable John Thurston, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas, We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Arkansas respectfully order by this, our petition, that Act No. 1114 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, approved on the 13th day of October, 2021, entitled ‘AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF THE FOUR (4) UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF ARKANSAS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’, be referred to the people of said state, to the end that the same may be approved or rejected by the vote of the registered voters of the state at the biennial regular general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022, and each of us for himself or herself says:

I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, and my printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing this petition are correctly written after my signature.

	SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	STREET ADDRESS	CITY OR TOWN	DATE SIGNED
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<p>(FOR CANVASSER ONLY)</p> <p>State of Arkansas, County of _____ (County where notary signs)</p> <p>I, _____, being sworn, state that each of the foregoing persons signed his or her own name to this sheet of the petition in my presence. To the best of my knowledge and belief, each signature is genuine and each signer is a registered voter of the State of Arkansas, in the County listed. At all times during the circulation of this signature sheet, an exact copy of the Popular Name, Ballot Title, and text was attached to this signature sheet. My current residence address is correctly stated below.</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p>Current Residence _____</p> <p>Indicate one: () Paid Canvasser () Volunteer/Unpaid Canvasser</p>	<p>(FOR NOTARY ONLY)</p> <p>State of Arkansas, County of _____ (County where Notary signs)</p> <p>On this ____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared _____, well known to me (or satisfactorily proven by identification documents provided) to be the person described in the foregoing Canvasser Affidavit and acknowledged that s/he executed the same in capacity of a Canvasser for the purposes of fulfilling legal requirements of a Canvasser in the State of Arkansas; and that I personally witnessed the signature of the Canvasser.</p> <p>Signature of Notary _____</p> <p>My Commission Expires _____</p> <p>Residence County of Notary _____</p> <p>[Notary Seal Above]</p>
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<p>(POPULAR NAME)</p> <p>AN ACT (ACT 1114 / HOUSE BILL 1982) REDRAWING THE FOUR (4) CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS TO DIVIDE PULASKI & SEBASTIAN COUNTIES</p> <p>(REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS)</p>	<p>(BALLOT TITLE)</p> <p>AN ACT REDRAWING ARKANSAS' FOUR (4) CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS AFTER THE 2020 CENSUS, INCLUDING DIVIDING PULASKI COUNTY BETWEEN THE 1st, 2nd & 4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, DIVIDING SEBASTIAN COUNTY BETWEEN THE 3rd & 4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, AND VARIOUS OTHER CHANGES; BEING ACT 1114 OF 2021 (HOUSE BILL 1982).</p> <p>A "FOR" VOTE IS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF ACT 1114 AND WILL ALLOW THESE DISTRICTS TO GO INTO EFFECT FOR THE 2024 ELECTION CYCLE (UNLESS REPEALED, SUPERSEDED, FOUND ILLEGAL BY A COURT OF LAW, OR OTHERWISE MODIFIED).</p> <p>AN "AGAINST" VOTE IS A VOTE TO REJECT ACT 1114. IF THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE ALREADY, THE LEGISLATURE WILL HAVE TO DRAW UP NEW CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR THE 2024 ELECTION CYCLE WHICH COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW AND JUDICIAL PRECEDENT.</p>	
<p>(TEXT OF REFERRED ACT – ACT 1114 OF 2021 / HB1982)</p> <p>(Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.)</p> <p>BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:</p> <p>SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §§ 7-2-102 — 7-2-105 are amended to read as follows:</p> <p>7-2-102. First Congressional District.</p> <p>(a) The First Congressional District shall be composed of:</p> <p>(1) The counties of Arkansas, Baxter, Boone, Chicot, Clay, Cleburne, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Fulton, Greene, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Lonoke, Marion, Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips, Prairie, Poinsett, Prairie, Randolph, St. Francis, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, and Woodruff; <u>and</u></p> <p>(2) The following voting districts precincts of Jefferson Pulaski County as they existed on January 1, 2011 2021:</p> <p>(A) 19 (Dunnington) voting district 047;</p> <p>(B) P15 (Dudley Lake) voting district;</p> <p>(C) 25 (Old River) voting district;</p> <p>(D) 57 (Villemont) voting district;</p> <p>(E) P91 (Roberts) voting district;</p> <p>(F) P851 (Humphrey) voting district; and</p> <p>(G) P862 (Humphrey) voting district;</p> <p><u>(B) 054; and</u></p> <p><u>(C) 055</u></p> <p>(3) The voting districts and voting precincts of Searcy County as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-8 104(a)(4).</p> <p>(b) The qualified electors residing in the counties and portion portions of Jefferson County and Searcy County Pulaski County listed under subsection (a) of this section shall elect one (1) member of the United States House of Representatives.</p> <p>7-2-103. Second Congressional District.</p> <p>(a) The Second Congressional District shall be composed of:</p> <p>(1) the The counties of Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Perry, Pulaski, Saline, Van Buren, and White; <u>and</u></p> <p>(2) <u>The voting precincts of Pulaski County as they existed on January 1, 2021, that are not listed under § 7-2-102(a)(2) or § 7-2- 20 105(a)(2).</u></p> <p>(b) The qualified electors residing in the counties and <u>portions of Pulaski County</u> listed under subsection (a) of this section shall elect one (1) member of the United States House of Representatives.</p> <p>7-2-104. Third Congressional District.</p> <p>(a) The Third Congressional District shall be composed of:</p>	<p>(1) The counties of Benton, Boone, Carroll, Crawford, Madison, Marion, Pope, and Washington; <u>and</u></p> <p>(2) The voting districts and voting precincts of Crawford County as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-105(a)(2);</p> <p>(3) The following voting districts of Newton County as they existed on January 1, 2011:</p> <p>(A) Big Creek voting district;</p> <p>(B) Dogpatch voting district;</p> <p>(C) Grove voting district;</p> <p>(D) Hasty voting district;</p> <p>(E) Polk voting district;</p> <p>(F) Richland voting district; and</p> <p>(G) White voting district;</p> <p>(4) The Prairie voting district of Searcy County as it existed on January 1, 2011; and</p> <p>(5) The voting districts and voting precincts of Sebastian County as they existed on January 1, 2011 2021, that are not listed under § 7-2-105(a)(5) § 7-2-105(a)(3).</p> <p>(b) The qualified electors residing in the counties and portions of Crawford County, Newton County, Searcy County, and Sebastian County listed under subsection (a) of this section shall elect one (1) member of the United States House of Representatives.</p> <p>7-2-105. Fourth Congressional District.</p> <p>(a) The Fourth Congressional District shall be composed of:</p> <p>(1) The counties of Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Drew, Franklin, Garland, Grant, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Lafayette, Little River, Logan, Madison, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Newton, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Pope, Scott, Sevier, Union, and Yell;</p> <p>(2) The following voting districts <u>precincts</u> of Crawford Pulaski County as they existed on January 1, 2011 2021:</p> <p>(A) Alma # 1 voting district 103;</p> <p>(B) Alma # 4 voting district;</p> <p>(C) Bidville voting district;</p> <p>(D) Chester voting district;</p> <p>(E) Dean Springs voting district;</p> <p>(F) Dyer voting district;</p> <p>(G) Eagle Crest voting district;</p> <p>(H) Kibler voting district;</p> <p>(I) Locke voting district;</p> <p>(J) Mountain voting district;</p> <p>(K) Mulberry # 1 voting district;</p> <p>(L) Mulberry # 2 voting district;</p> <p>(M) Mulberry # 3 voting district;</p>	
	<p>(N) Porter voting district;</p> <p>(O) Vine Prairie voting district;</p> <p>(P) Whitley voting district; and</p> <p>(Q) Winfrey voting district;</p> <p>(B) 104;</p> <p>(C) 105;</p> <p>(D) 124;</p> <p>(E) 125;</p> <p>(F) 126;</p> <p>(G) 127;</p> <p>(H) 131;</p> <p>(I) 132;</p> <p>(J) 133; and</p> <p>(K) 135; and</p> <p>(3) The voting districts and voting precincts of Jefferson County as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-102(a)(2);</p> <p>(4) The voting districts and voting precincts of Newton County as they existed on January 1, 2011, that are not listed under § 7-2-104(a)(3); and</p> <p>(5) The following voting districts <u>precincts</u> of Sebastian County as they existed on January 1, 2011 2021:</p> <p>(A) 9-1 A voting district 9-2K;</p> <p>(B) 9-1 B voting district 9-2L;</p> <p>(C) 9-1 C voting district 9-3A;</p> <p>(D) 9-1 D voting district 9-3B;</p> <p>(E) 9-1 E voting district 9-3C;</p> <p>(F) 9-1 Q voting district 9-3D;</p> <p>(G) 9-2 E voting district;</p> <p>(H) 9-3 E voting district 9-3E;</p> <p>(I) 9-3 F voting district; 9-3F;</p> <p>(J) 9-3 G voting district 9-3G;</p> <p>(K) 9-3 H voting district 9-3H;</p> <p>(L) 9-3 I voting district 9-3I;</p> <p>(M) 9-3 J voting district 9-3J;</p> <p>(N) 9-3 K voting district 9-3K;</p> <p>(O) 9-3 L voting district 9-3L;</p> <p>(P) 9-3M;</p> <p>(Q) 9-3N;</p> <p>(R) 9-3O;</p> <p>(S) 9-3P; and</p> <p>(T) 9-3 M voting district 9-4F.</p> <p>(b) The qualified electors residing in the counties and portions of Crawford County, Jefferson County, Newton County, Pulaski County and Sebastian County listed under subsection (a) of this section shall elect one (1) member of the United States House of Representatives.</p>	

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the General Assembly is responsible for establishing the four (4) United States Congressional Districts in the state; that the four (4) United States Congressional Districts are based on the information provided by the federal decennial census by the United States Bureau of the Census; that the federal decennial census data delivery was delayed; that the establishment of the four (4) 19 United States Congressional Districts is necessary to provide equal representation of the citizens of Arkansas in the United States Congress; and that this act is immediately necessary because the establishment of the four (4) United States Congressional Districts must occur in adequate time for the candidates to file for office and for the citizens of Arkansas to have a fair election. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

[NOTE BY PROPONENTS (not part of text): Emergency clause, though still part of the official text, failed to receive the required two-thirds vote in the House; this act will NOT go into effect until January 14, 2022 (91st day after *sine die* adjournment on October 15, 2021) even if this petition fails. If this petition is successfully turned in by January 13, 2022 (90th day after *sine die* adjournment) and validated, this act will NOT be in effect for the 2022 election cycle at all and the legislature or a court will likely have to draw up new maps; we cannot be 100% certain what will happen to this map if that happens, but there is precedent for withdrawing the petition if this law is repealed as a result.]

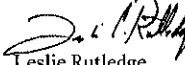
/s/Speaks

APPROVED: BECAME LAW 10/13/2021 WITHOUT GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE.

Instructions to Canvassers and Signers

1. The Arkansas Constitution gives Arkansas citizens the power to (a) initiate legislation by petition of 8% of the legal voters or constitutional amendments by petition of 10% of legal voters, or (b) order the referendum against any general act or any item of an appropriation bill or measure passed by the General Assembly by petition of 6% of legal voters. A proposed measure must be submitted at a regular election. Referendum petitions may be referred to at special elections on a petition of 15% of the registered voters. Any measure submitted to the people becomes law when approved by a majority of the votes cast upon such measure.
 2. Only registered voters may sign. All signatures must be in the signer's own handwriting and in the presence of the person circulating the petition. Each petition part should contain only the signatures of voters residing in a single county.
 3. Printed name, date of birth, residence, city or town of residence, and date of signing must be given. If a petition signer needs assistance with this information due to disability, another person may print the signer's information and that person shall sign and print their name in the margin of the petition.
 4. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-103, a person commits a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500 and confinement of up to one year in jail, if the person knowingly prints a name, address, or birth date other than his or her own to a petition or prints the date of signing for another person unless the signer requires assistance due to disability and the person complies with § 7-9-103.
 5. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 5-55-601(c), each of the following activities constitutes "petition fraud," which is a Class D felony and is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and imprisonment for up to six years. Subsection (b) states: "A person commits the offense of petition fraud:
 - (1) If the person knowingly:
 - (A) Signs a name other than his or her name to a petition;
 - (B) Signs his or her name more than one (1) time to a petition; or
 - (C) Signs a petition when he or she is not legally entitled to sign the petition;
 - (2) If the person acting as a canvasser, notary, sponsor as defined under § 79-101, or agent of a sponsor:
 - (A) Signs a name other than his or her own to a petition;
 - (B) Prints a name, address, or birth date other than his or her own to a petition unless the signor requires assistance due to disability and the person complies with § 7-9-103;
 - (C) Solicits or obtains a signature to a petition knowing that the person signing is not qualified to sign the petition;
 - (D) Knowingly pays a person any form of compensation in exchange for signing a petition as a petitioner;
 - (E) Accepts or pays money or anything of value for obtaining signatures on a petition when the person acting as a canvasser, sponsor, or agent of a sponsor knows that the person acting as a canvasser's name or address is not included on the sponsor's list filed with the Secretary of State under § 7-9-601; or
 - (F) Knowingly misrepresents the purpose and effect of the petition or the measure affected for the purpose of causing a person to sign a petition;
 - (3) If the person acting as a canvasser knowingly makes a false statement on a petition verification form; [or]
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- (5) If the person acting as a sponsor files a petition or a part of a petition with the official charged with verifying the signatures knowing that the petition or part of the petition contains one (1) or more false or fraudulent signatures unless each false or fraudulent signature is clearly stricken by the sponsor before filing."

Arkansas Attorney General


Leslie Rutledge

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