

1 SJR29
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3 By Senators Dial, McClendon and Coleman-Madison
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5 First Read: 23-JAN-18

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8 URGING THE REAPPOINTMENT OFFICE TO WORK WITH U.S.
9 CENSUS BUREAU TO INCREASE AWARENESS.

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11 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution, Article 1,
12 Section 2, mandates a count every 10 years of all persons
13 residing in the United States, in all 50 states, Puerto Rico,
14 and the Island Areas; this requirement includes people of all
15 ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens, and noncitizens; and

16 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Alabama of 1901
17 requires the Legislature to redistrict every 10 years
18 following the decennial census; and

19 WHEREAS, the next decennial census will occur in
20 2020 and Alabama will receive the population totals no later
21 than April 1, 2021; and

22 WHEREAS, the census totals affect federal funding
23 statewide as well as individual local communities, and the
24 data collected helps leaders understand how areas are
25 changing; and

26 WHEREAS, the census is identifying and targeting
27 what is referred to as "hard to count" communities and is

1 suggesting that states begin now to accurately account for
2 identified areas; and

3 WHEREAS, based on 2017 census population estimates
4 and population projection shifts gathered by the U.S. Census,
5 Alabama is in danger of losing a congressional district,
6 dropping from seven districts to six districts. The number of
7 a state's congressional districts is based upon each state's
8 proportion of the national population, counted every 10 years;
9 now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the Reapportionment
12 Office to work with the U.S. Census Bureau in developing a
13 statewide outreach plan to assist the Legislature in
14 increasing awareness about the census and motivate residents
15 in the targeted communities to respond for an accurate
16 population count for Alabama.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Dial