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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would redraw the state's U.S. Congressional districts, last drawn in 2021, following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Allen v. Milligan*, 599 U.S. _____, 143 S.Ct. 1487 (June 8, 2023).

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Section 17-14-70, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for the reapportionment and redistricting of the state's United States Congressional districts for the purpose of electing members at the General Election in 2024 and thereafter, until the release of the next federal census.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-14-70, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-14-70

(a) The State of Alabama is divided into seven congressional districts as provided in subsection (b).

(b) The numbers and boundaries of the districts are designated and established by the map prepared by the Permanent Legislative Committee on Reapportionment and



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29 identified and labeled as ~~Pringle Congressional Plan 1~~ Hatcher
30 Congressional Plan 2-2023, including the corresponding
31 boundary description provided by the census tracts, blocks,
32 and counties, and are incorporated by reference as part of
33 this section.

34 (c) The Legislature shall post for viewing on its
35 public website the map referenced in subsection (b), including
36 the corresponding boundary description provided by the census
37 tracts, blocks, and counties, and any alternative map,
38 including the corresponding boundary description provided by
39 the census tracts, blocks, and counties, introduced by any
40 member of the Legislature during the legislative session in
41 which this section is added or amended.

42 (d) Upon enactment of ~~Act 2021-555, adding the act~~
43 amending this section and adopting the map identified in
44 subsection (b), the Clerk of the House of Representatives or
45 the Secretary of the Senate, as appropriate, shall transmit
46 the map and the corresponding boundary description provided by
47 the census tracts, blocks, and counties identified in
48 subsection (b) for certification and posting on the public
49 website of the Secretary of State.

50 (e) The boundary descriptions provided by the certified
51 map referenced in subsection (b) shall prevail over the
52 boundary descriptions provided by the census tracts, blocks,
53 and counties generated for the map."

54 Section 2. The provisions of this act are severable. If
55 any part of this act is declared invalid or unconstitutional,
56 that declaration shall not affect the part which remains.



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57 Section 3. This act shall be effective for the election
58 of members of the state's U.S. Congressional districts at the
59 General Election of 2024 and thereafter, until the state's
60 U.S. Congressional districts are reapportioned and
61 redistricted after the 2030 decennial census.

62 Section 4. This act shall become effective immediately
63 upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its
64 otherwise becoming law.