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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, county commissions are responsible for redrawing voting precincts. There is no requirement on how often precinct boundaries must be adjusted.

This bill would require county commissions to redraw voting precincts on a regular basis after redistricting legislation is passed and would require county commissions to submit a procedure on how each county commission intends to redraw voting precincts within certain prescribed parameters.

This bill would also require county commissions to redraw voting precincts not later than July 1, 2025, based on the redistricting maps adopted following the 2020 federal census.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to voting precincts; to require county commissions to submit a procedure for adjusting voting precinct boundaries on a regular basis following the adoption of redistricting maps by the Legislature within certain



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29 prescribed parameters; and to require county commissions to
30 redraw voting precincts based on the redistricting maps
31 adopted by the Legislature following the 2020 federal census.

32 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

33 Section 1. Notwithstanding Article 1 of Chapter 6 of
34 Title 17, Code of Alabama 1975, each county commission, not
35 later than January 1, 2025, shall submit to the Permanent
36 Legislative Committee on Reapportionment a procedure for
37 redrawing the boundaries of voting precincts in the respective
38 county that includes:

39 (1) A plan for determining the voting precinct
40 boundaries in a manner that divides the total population of
41 the county by the number of voting precincts needed in the
42 county, as determined by the county commission but in
43 compliance with Section 17-6-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to
44 calculate the average number of voters per precinct, and then
45 determine the precinct boundaries so that the deviation of the
46 number of voters assigned to any voting precinct is within
47 five percentage points, plus or minus, of the average number.

48 (2) A schedule for adjusting voting precinct boundaries
49 after the Legislature adopts redistricting maps following each
50 federal decennial census, as provided in Sections 16-3-1.1,
51 17-14-70, 29-1-1.2, and 29-1-2.3, Code of Alabama 1975, or any
52 successor law providing for redistricting, which shall occur
53 no later than two years after adoption of the redistricting
54 maps.

55 Section 2. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
56 each county commission shall redraw voting precinct boundaries



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57 in a manner that complies with subdivision (1) of Section 1
58 not later than July 1, 2025, based on the redistricting maps
59 adopted by the Legislature after the 2020 federal decennial
60 census and shall submit the updated map, legal description,
61 and geographical boundaries of each voting precinct, as
62 required under Section 17-6-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to the
63 Permanent Legislative Committee on Reapportionment.

64 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
65 1, 2024.