

# HB565 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a municipal governing body, by ordinance, may adjust the boundaries of its municipal voting districts.

This bill would require that any time a municipal governing body adjusts the boundaries of a municipal voting district, the municipal governing body must send a certified copy of the resolution and a copy of the map showing the new boundaries to the Permanent Legislative Committee on Reapportionment.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to municipal elections; to amend Section 11-46-23, Code of Alabama 1975, to require certain municipalities to provide a copy of the new boundaries of its municipal voting districts to the Permanent Legislative Committee on Reapportionment following an adjustment of the boundaries.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 11-46-23, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:



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29 "§11-46-23

30 (a) The boundaries of wards within municipalities which  
31 have been divided into wards as now defined shall so remain  
32 until changed by ordinance. ~~Hereafter the~~ A municipal  
33 governing body ~~may~~, in its discretion, may readjust the  
34 boundary lines of wards and may divide or consolidate any  
35 number of wards and resubdivide the same into voting  
36 districts; provided, that no such adjustment shall be made  
37 within three months of any election unless such adjustment is  
38 made ~~during calendar year 1984~~ for the purpose of complying  
39 with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

40 (b) Whenever the municipal governing body readjusts any  
41 ward lines or divides a ward into voting districts, the  
42 ordinance whereby the ward is established or subdivided into  
43 voting districts shall describe the territory composing the  
44 ward, and when the ward has been subdivided, the territory  
45 composing each district therein, by metes and bounds, and the  
46 municipal clerk, within five days after adoption of the  
47 ordinance, shall file with the judge of probate of ~~the~~ any  
48 county in which any portion of the municipality lies a  
49 certified copy of ~~such the~~ ordinance, accompanied by a map or  
50 plat of the ~~city or town~~ municipality showing the ~~bounderies~~  
51 boundaries of all wards and voting districts in wards into  
52 which the municipality is then divided and shall also publish  
53 notice of all ~~such~~ changes or adjustments of boundaries of  
54 wards and voting districts within wards in a newspaper  
55 published in ~~such city or town~~ the municipality, or if there is  
56 no newspaper ~~is published therein then~~ in the municipality by



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57 posting notice ~~thereof~~ at three public places in ~~such city or~~  
58 ~~town~~the municipality. This published notice need not be  
59 accompanied by a map or plat of the ~~city or town~~municipality.

60 (c) Within 30 days after the adoption of any ordinance  
61 as provided in this section, the municipal governing body  
62 shall send to the Permanent Legislative Committee on  
63 Reapportionment a certified copy of the resolution and a copy  
64 of the map showing the new district boundaries together with a  
65 written description of the boundaries."

66 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
67 1, 2025.