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3 By Senators Livingston, Roberts  
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4 SJR\_\_\_\_ SUPPORTING THE EFFORT OF THE 2030 CENSUS  
5 REDISTRICTING DATA PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGING COUNTY  
6 PARTICIPATION.

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8 WHEREAS, under Public Law 94-171, the Census Bureau  
9 has established the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program;  
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11 WHEREAS, the 2030 Census Redistricting Program  
12 provides states the opportunity to delineate voting  
13 districts and suggest census block boundaries for decennial  
14 census population counts for the purpose of reapportionment  
15 or redistricting; and

16 WHEREAS, the Redistricting Program is conducted in a  
17 nonpartisan manner and consists of the following phases:

18 (1) Phase one: The Block Boundary Suggestion Project;  
19 (2) Phase two: The Voting District Project;  
20 (3) Phase three: Delivery of the 2030 Census

21 Redistricting Data;

22 (4) Phase four: Collection of the Post-2030 Census  
23 Congressional and State Legislative District Plans; and

24 (5) Phase five: Review of the 2030 Census  
25 Redistricting Data Program and Recommendations for the 2040  
26 Census; and

27 WHEREAS, phase one, the Block Boundary Suggestion  
28 Project, will begin in January 2026 and run through May



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2026, and requires collaboration between reapportionment offices and counties to identify census tabulation block boundaries; and

WHEREAS, census blocks are the smallest unit of geography in which population is tallied, acting as the foundation for drawing redistricting plans at the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the most accurate geography for conducting the decennial census and state and local redistricting, counties are authorized to add and delete geographical features and correct misaligned features in the census geography; and

WHEREAS, counties are also authorized to suggest block boundaries to the Legislative Reapportionment Office for input into the Census Bureau's geography software program by submitting linear features to be "held" as block boundaries or "not held" as block boundaries; and

WHEREAS, communications between the Census Bureau and the Legislative Reapportionment Office will begin in May 2025 outlining procedures for submissions, followed by training workshops in early fall 2025; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we support the effort of the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program and urge county participation and collaboration with the Legislative Reapportionment Office to evaluate and suggest block boundaries and ensure accurate geography for conducting the decennial census and state and local redistricting.