

Senate Bill 1EX

By: Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Cowser of the 46th, Dugan of the 30th, Gooch of the 51st,
Burke of the 11th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To provide for the composition and number of state senatorial districts; to provide for a short
2 title; to provide when members of the Senate elected shall take office; to provide for the
3 continuation of present senatorial districts until a certain time; to provide that the provisions
4 of this Act shall supersede and replace a districting plan and certain changes thereto; to
5 provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal specific Acts; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Senate Redistricting Act of 2021."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 (a) For the purpose of electing members of the Senate, the State of Georgia is divided
12 into 56 senatorial districts. Such senatorial districts shall be and correspond to those 56
13 numbered districts described in Appendix A, incorporated into and made a part of this Act
14 and further identified as "User: [TBD] Plan Name: [TBD] Plan Type: [TBD]."

15 (b) For the purposes of such plan:

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16 (1) The term "VTD" shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
17 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census
18 of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
19 description which are underneath a "VTD" heading shall mean and describe individual
20 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United
21 States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

22 (2) Whenever the description of any senatorial district refers to a named county without
23 any additional VTD, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that county as shown
24 on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of
25 Georgia.

26 (c) Any part of the State of Georgia which is not included in any senatorial district
27 described in subsection (a) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous
28 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
29 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

30 (d) Any part of the State of Georgia which is described in subsection (a) of this section as
31 being included in a particular senatorial district shall nevertheless not be included within
32 such senatorial district if such part is not contiguous to such senatorial district. Such
33 noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that senatorial district contiguous to
34 such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
35 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

36 (e) The first members of the Senate elected pursuant to this Act shall be those who are
37 elected to take office on the convening date of the regular session of the General Assembly
38 in 2023. Until that time:

39 (1) The members of the Senate elected in 2020 shall continue to serve and shall represent
40 the districts from which elected;

41 (2) The composition of the districts from which such members were elected shall remain
42 the same; and

43 (3) Any special election to fill a vacancy in the 156th General Assembly shall use the
44 composition of districts used for the 2020 general election for members of the Senate.
45 (f) The provisions of this Act shall be effective for the primary and general elections
46 of 2022 for the purpose of electing members of the Senate who are to take office in 2023.
47 Successors to those members shall likewise be elected under the provisions of this Act.

48 **SECTION 3.**

49 The redistricting of the Senate and the description of Senate Districts 1 through 56 provided
50 for pursuant to this Act shall supersede and replace the redistricting of the Senate and the
51 description of Senate Districts 1 through 56 provided in an Act approved August 24, 2011
52 (Ga. L. 2011, Ex. Sess., p. 139), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 13, 2012
53 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 62).

54 **SECTION 4.**

55 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
56 without such approval.

57 **SECTION 5.**

58 An Act to provide for the composition and number of state senatorial districts, approved
59 August 24, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, Ex. Sess., p. 139), is hereby repealed in its entirety, and all
60 amendatory acts thereto, including but not limited to an Act approved April 13, 2012
61 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 62), are likewise repealed in their entirety.

62 **SECTION 6.**

63 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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APPENDIX A

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