

Senate Bill 2EX

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 congressional districts; to provide for a short
2 title; to provide when such representatives shall take office; to provide for continuation of
3 present congressional districts until a certain time; to provide for related matters; to provide
4 an effective date; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Congressional Redistricting Act
8 of 2021."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 (a) For the purpose of electing representatives to the Congress of the United States, the
11 State of Georgia is divided into 14 congressional districts. Such congressional districts
12 shall be and correspond to those 14 numbered districts described in Appendix A,
13 incorporated into and made a part of this Act and further identified as "User: [TBD] Plan
14 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 congressional district refers to a named county
23 without any additional VTD, it shall mean the geographical boundaries of that county as
24 shown on the census maps for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State
25 of Georgia.

26 (c) Any part of the State of Georgia which is not included in any congressional 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 congressional district shall nevertheless not be included
32 within such congressional district if such part is not contiguous to such congressional
33 district. Such noncontiguous part shall instead be included within that congressional
34 district contiguous to such part which contains the least population according to the United
35 States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

36 (e) The first representatives to the Congress of the United States elected pursuant to the
37 provisions of this Act shall be those who are elected to take office in January, 2023. Until
38 that time:

39 (1) The representatives to the Congress of the United States elected in 2020 shall
40 continue to serve and shall represent the districts from which elected;

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

43 (3) Any special election to fill a vacancy in the 117th Congress of the United States shall
44 use the composition of districts used for the 2020 general election for representatives to
45 the Congress of the United States.

46 (f) The provisions of this Act shall be effective for the primaries and elections of 2022 for
47 the purpose of electing the representatives who are to take office in 2023. Successors to
48 those representatives and future successors shall likewise be elected under the provisions
49 of this Act.

50 **SECTION 3.**

51 The description of Congressional Districts 1 through 14 provided for pursuant to this Act
52 shall supersede and replace the description of Congressional Districts 1 through 14 provided
53 in an Act approved September 6, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, Ex. Sess., p. 208).

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 congressional districts, approved
59 September 6, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, Ex. Sess., p. 208), is hereby repealed in its entirety.

60 **SECTION 6.**

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

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Appendix A

63 User: [TBD]

64 Plan Name: [TBD]

65 Plan Type: [TBD]

66 [CUT AND PASTE PLAN HERE]