

House Bill 1EX

By: Representative Rich of the 97<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide for the composition and number of state house districts; to provide for a short  
2 title; to provide when members of the House of Representatives elected shall take office; to  
3 provide for the continuation of the present representative districts until a certain time; to  
4 provide that the provisions of this Act shall supersede and replace a districting plan and  
5 certain changes thereto; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal  
6 specific Acts; to repeal 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 House of Representatives  
10 Redistricting Act of 2021."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 (a) For the purpose of electing members of the House of Representatives, the State of  
13 Georgia is divided into 180 representative districts. Such representative districts shall be  
14 and correspond to those 180 numbered districts described in Appendix A, incorporated into

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15 and made a part of this Act and further identified as "User: [TBD] Plan Name: [TBD] Plan  
16 Type: [TBD]."

17 (b) For the purposes of such plan:

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

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

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

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

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

41 (1) The members of the House of Representatives elected in 2020 shall continue to serve  
42 and shall represent the districts from which elected;

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

45 (3) Any special election to fill a vacancy in the 156th General Assembly shall use the  
46 composition of districts used for the 2020 general election for members of the House of  
47 Representatives.

48 (f) The provisions of this Act shall be effective for the primary and general elections of  
49 2022 for the purpose of electing members of the House of Representatives who are to take  
50 office in 2023. Successors to those members shall likewise be elected under the provisions  
51 of this Act.

52 **SECTION 3.**

53 The redistricting of the House of Representatives and the description of House Districts 1  
54 through 180 provided for pursuant to this Act shall supersede and replace the redistricting  
55 of the House of Representatives and the description of House Districts 1 through 180  
56 provided in an Act approved August 24, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, Ex. Sess., p. 3), as amended,  
57 particularly by an Act approved February 23, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 21), and by an Act  
58 approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 1413).

59 **SECTION 4.**

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

62 **SECTION 5.**

63 An Act to provide for the composition and number of state house districts, approved  
64 August 24, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, Ex. Sess., p. 3), is hereby repealed in its entirety, and all

65 amendatory acts thereto, including but not limited to an Act approved February 23, 2012  
66 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 21), and by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 1413), are  
67 likewise repealed in their entirety.

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**SECTION 6.**

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

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APPENDIX A

71 User: [TBD]

72 Plan Name: [TBD]

73 Plan Type: [TBD]

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