

House Bill 2EX

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **SECTION 3.**

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

### **SECTION 4.**

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

### **SECTION 5.**

An Act to provide for the composition and number of congressional districts, approved September 6, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, Ex. Sess., p. 208), is hereby repealed in its entirety.

### **SECTION 6.**

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

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## Appendix A

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