

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2022

By: Representative Beckett

To: Rules

HOUSE BILL NO. 384

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-1037, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REAPPORTION THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR  
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-1037, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 23-15-1037. (1) The State of Mississippi is hereby divided  
8 into \* \* \* four (4) congressional districts below:

9 **FIRST DISTRICT.** - The First Congressional District shall be  
10 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

11 Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, DeSoto,  
12 Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Pontotoc,  
13 Prentiss, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster \* \* \*; \* \* \* in  
14 Oktibbeha County, the precincts of Self Creek/Double Springs,  
15 Maben and \*Sturgis/North Bradley \* \* \*.

16 **SECOND DISTRICT.** - The Second Congressional District shall  
17 be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:



Adams, Amite, Attala, Bolivar, Carroll, Claiborne, Coahoma,  
 Copiah, Franklin, Grenada, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena,  
 Jefferson, Leake, Leflore, Montgomery, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey,  
 Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica, Warren, Washington, Wilkinson,  
 Yalobusha, Yazoo; \* \* \* in Hinds County Precincts 1, 2, 4, 6, 10,  
 11, 12, 13, \*16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,  
 30, 31, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, \*46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52,  
 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71,  
 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84 \* \* \*, 85, 86, 87,  
 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, and the precincts of  
 Bolton, Brownsville, Byram 1, Byram 2, Byram 3, Cayuga, Chapel  
 Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3, Clinton 4, Clinton 5,  
 Clinton 6, Clinton 7, Cynthia, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old  
 Byram, Pine Haven, Pocahontas, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge,  
 St. Thomas, Terry 1, Terry 2, Tinnin, Utica 1 and Utica 2; \* \* \*  
 in Madison County the precincts of \* \* \* Anderson Lodge, \* \* \*  
 Camden, Cameron, Canton Bible Church, Canton Catholic Parish  
 Center, Canton Community Center, Canton Fire Station #4, \*Canton  
 National Guard Armory, Canton South Liberty, Canton St. Paul  
 Methodist, Cedar Grove, \*Colonial Heights, Couparle, Farmhaven  
 Fire Station, Greater Mt. Levi Church, Madison County Baptist  
 Family Life Center, Magnolia Heights, \* \* \* Mount Hope, Pleasant  
 Gift Church, Pleasant Green, Tougaloo \* \* \*.

**THIRD DISTRICT.** - The Third Congressional District shall be  
 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:



Clarke, Covington, \* \* \* Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Kemper,  
Lauderdale, \* \* \* Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Neshoba, Newton,  
Noxubee, \* \* \* Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Walthall,  
Winston; \* \* \* in Hinds County the precincts of 8, 9, 14, \*16, 17,  
32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 44, \*46 and 78; in Jones County the precincts  
of \* \* \* Matthews, Shady Grove, Sharon, \* \* \* and Sandersville  
Civic Center \* \* \*; \* \* \* in Madison County \* \* \* the precincts of  
First Presbyterian, \*Canton National Guard Armory, China Grove,  
\*Colonial Heights, Fellowship Baptist Church, Ferns Chapel  
Freewill, First Baptist, Franklin Bible Church, Gluckstadt, Grace  
Crossing, Highland Colony Baptist Church, Lake Caroline Clubhouse,  
Mark Apartments, New Life, NorthBay, Parkway Church, Ridgeland  
First Methodist Church, Ridgeland Recreational Center, SunnyBrook,  
Trace Ridge, Twin Lakes Baptist, Vertical Church, Victory Baptist  
Church and Victory Christian; \* \* \* in Oktibbeha County \* \* \* the  
precincts of Bell Schoolhouse, Center Grove/North Adaton, Central  
Starkville, Craig Springs/South Bradley, East Starkville, Hickory  
Grove/Southeast Oktibbeha, Needmore Voting District, North  
Longview, North Starkville 2, North Starkville 3, Oktoc, Osborn,  
Sessums, South Adaton, South Longview, South Starkville,  
\*Sturgis/North Bradley and West Starkville \* \* \*.

**FOURTH DISTRICT.** - The Fourth Congressional District shall  
be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

\* \* \* Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson,  
Lamar, Pearl River, Perry, Stone, Wayne; \* \* \* in Jones



County \* \* \* the precincts of Antioch, Blackwell, Bruce, Calhoun, Centerville, County Barn, Currie, Erata, G.V. Harrison Multipurpose Building, Gitano, Glade School, Hebron, Johnson, Landrum Community Center, Lt. Ellis Center, Magnolia Center, Mauldin Community Center, Moselle, Myrick, North Laurel, Oak Park School, Ovet, Parkview Baptist Church, Pinegrove, Pleasant Ridge, Powers Community Center, Rainey, Rustin, Sandhill, Shelton, Soso, Tuckers, Union and West Ellisville.

\* \* \*

(2) The boundaries of the congressional districts described in subsection (1) of this section shall be the boundaries of the counties \* \* \* along such congressional district boundaries as the boundaries of such counties existed on January 1, 2022, and the precinct boundaries along such congressional district boundaries as such precinct boundaries are contained in Census Bureau's P.L. 94-171 geographic support products provided for use with the September 16th data deliveries officially called the "2020 Census State Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files."

**SECTION 2.** Partial or split precincts contained in Section 1 are identified in Section 1 by an asterisk (\*) which shall precede its designation within the description of a district. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee shall file with the Secretary of State the Split Precinct Block List developed in conjunction with the plan contained in this House Bill No. 384, 2022 Regular Session, that



93 details the portions of the partial or split precincts that are  
94 contained within a district by census block number, and such  
95 document duly filed with the Secretary of State is hereby  
96 incorporated into and shall be construed to be an integral part of  
97 this House Bill No. 384, 2022 Regular Session.

98       **SECTION 3.** (1) This act shall be liberally construed to  
99 effectuate the purposes thereof and to redistrict the  
100 Congressional Districts of this state in compliance with  
101 constitutional requirements. It is the intent of the Legislature  
102 that this act, and the districts described herein, completely  
103 encompass all the area within the state. It is also intended that  
104 such districts contain all the inhabitants in this state. It is  
105 further intended that the redistricting provided for in this House  
106 Bill No. 384, 2022 Regular Session, results in the creation of  
107 districts which are as close to equal in population as  
108 practicable. It is also intended that no district shall include  
109 any of the area included within the description of any other  
110 district.

111       (2) If the districts described in Section 1 do not carry out  
112 the purposes thereof, because of unintentional omissions;  
113 duplications; overlapping areas; erroneous nomenclature; lack of  
114 adequate maps or descriptions of political subdivisions, wards or  
115 other divisions thereof, or of their boundary lines, then the  
116 Secretary of State, at the request of the Chair or Vice Chair of  
117 the Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting Committee shall, by



118 order, correct such omissions, overlaps, erroneous nomenclature or  
119 other defects in the description of districts so as to accomplish  
120 the purposes and objectives of this House Bill No. 384, 2022  
121 Regular Session.

122 (3) In promulgating such orders, the Secretary of State, in  
123 addition to achieving equality in the population of districts and  
124 ensuring that all areas of the state are completely and accurately  
125 encompassed in such districts, shall be guided by the following  
126 standards:

127 (a) In any instance in which there is a conflict  
128 between the description of a district as set out in this House  
129 Bill No. 384, 2022 Regular Session, and the map of the  
130 Congressional Districts developed by the Standing Joint  
131 Congressional Redistricting Committee in conjunction with the  
132 adopted redistricting plan, the map shall control; however, in  
133 instances in which the map is inconclusive, the criteria set out  
134 in paragraphs (b) through (f) shall control House Bill No. 384,  
135 2022 Regular Session, and any dispute or issue regarding the  
136 composition of any Congressional District;

137 (b) Gaps in the description of any district shall be  
138 completed in a manner which results in a total description of that  
139 district in a manner which is consonant with the description of  
140 adjacent districts and results in complete contiguity of  
141 districts;



142 (c) Areas of the state included within the descriptions  
143 of more than one (1) district shall be allocated to the district  
144 having the lowest population;

145 (d) Areas of the state not included within the  
146 descriptions of any district shall be allocated to the adjacent  
147 district having the lowest population;

148 (e) In the event that the area subject to corrected  
149 description or allocation as provided in paragraphs (b), (c) and  
150 (d) of this subsection is of such size or contains such population  
151 that its inclusion as a unit in any district would result in  
152 substantial disparity in the size, shape or population of such  
153 district, then the Secretary of State may allocate portions of  
154 such area to two (2) or more districts; and

155 (f) In any allocation of area or correction of  
156 descriptions made pursuant to this House Bill No. 384, 2022  
157 Regular Session, the Secretary of State shall, consistent with the  
158 foregoing standards, preserve the contiguity and compactness of  
159 districts and avoid the unnecessary division of political  
160 subdivisions.

161 (4) Copies of such orders shall be filed by the Secretary of  
162 State in his or her own office and in the offices of the affected  
163 election commissioners and registrars. The Secretary of State may  
164 adopt reasonable rules regulating the procedure for applications  
165 for orders under this House Bill No. 384, 2022 Regular Session, in  
166 the manner of serving and filing any notice or copy of orders



167 relating thereto. Upon the filing of such an order, the  
168 description of any affected district shall be deemed to have been  
169 corrected in the manner provided in such order to the full extent  
170 as if such correction had been contained in the original  
171 description set forth in this House Bill No. 384, 2022 Regular  
172 Session.

173       **SECTION 4.** The Standing Joint Congressional Redistricting  
174 Committee is directed to provide all information necessary to  
175 assist the counties in identifying the boundaries of the districts  
176 described in Section 1.

177       **SECTION 5.** The redistricting contained in Section 1 shall  
178 supersede any prior redistricting, and any prior redistricting  
179 shall be null and void upon the date this House Bill No. 384, 2022  
180 Regular Session, is effectuated.

181       **SECTION 6.** If any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or any  
182 part of this bill is declared to be unconstitutional or void or if  
183 for any reason is declared to be invalid or of no effect, the  
184 remaining paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases or parts thereof  
185 shall be in no manner affected thereby but shall remain in full  
186 force and effect.

187       **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
188 and after its passage.

