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AN ACT

1 Apportioning this Commonwealth into congressional districts in
2 conformity with constitutional requirements; providing for
3 the nomination and election of Congressmen; and requiring
4 publication of notice of the establishment of congressional
5 districts following the Federal decennial census.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 CHAPTER 1

9 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

10 Section 101. Short title.

11 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Congressional
12 Redistricting Act of 2011.

13 Section 102. Definitions.

14 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
15 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
16 context clearly indicates otherwise:

17 "Secretary." The Secretary of the Commonwealth.

18 CHAPTER 3

19 ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

1 Section 301. Congressional districts.

2 For the purpose of electing representatives of the people of
3 Pennsylvania to serve in the House of Representatives in the
4 Congress of the United States, this Commonwealth shall be
5 divided into 18 districts which shall have one Congressman each,
6 as follows:

7 (1) The First District is composed of a portion of this
8 Commonwealth.

9 (2) The Second District is composed of a portion of this
10 Commonwealth.

11 (3) The Third District is composed of a portion of this
12 Commonwealth.

13 (4) The Fourth District is composed of a portion of this
14 Commonwealth.

15 (5) The Fifth District is composed of a portion of this
16 Commonwealth.

17 (6) The Sixth District is composed of a portion of this
18 Commonwealth.

19 (7) The Seventh District is composed of a portion of
20 this Commonwealth.

21 (8) The Eighth District is composed of a portion of this
22 Commonwealth.

23 (9) The Ninth District is composed of a portion of this
24 Commonwealth.

25 (10) The Tenth District is composed of a portion of this
26 Commonwealth.

27 (11) The Eleventh District is composed of a portion of
28 this Commonwealth.

29 (12) The Twelfth District is composed of a portion of
30 this Commonwealth.

1 (13) The Thirteenth District is composed of a portion of
2 this Commonwealth.

3 (14) The Fourteenth District is composed of a portion of
4 this Commonwealth.

5 (15) The Fifteenth District is composed of a portion of
6 this Commonwealth.

7 (16) The Sixteenth District is composed of a portion of
8 this Commonwealth.

9 (17) The Seventeenth District is composed of a portion
10 of this Commonwealth.

11 (18) The Eighteenth District is composed of a portion of
12 this Commonwealth.

13 Section 302. Current officeholders and vacancies.

14 (a) Current officeholders.--The members of Congress now in
15 office shall continue in the office until the expiration of
16 their respective terms.

17 (b) Vacancies.--Vacancies now existing or happening after
18 the passage of this chapter and before the commencement of the
19 terms of the members elected at the election of 2012 shall be
20 filled for the unexpired terms from the districts established
21 under section 301.

22 Section 303. Missed political subdivision.

23 In the event any political subdivision or part thereof should
24 be omitted in the description of the congressional districts,
25 the political subdivision or part thereof shall be included as a
26 part of the congressional district which completely surrounds
27 it. Should any omitted political subdivision or part thereof be
28 not completely surrounded by one congressional district, it
29 shall become a part of that congressional district to which it
30 is contiguous, or if there are two or more such contiguous

1 districts, it shall become a part of that congressional district
2 contiguous thereto which has the least population.

3 Section 304. Duty to publish notice of redistricting.

4 The secretary shall publish notice of the congressional
5 districts as established at least once in at least one newspaper
6 of general circulation in each county in which such newspapers
7 are published. The notice shall contain legal descriptions for
8 all congressional districts in the county in which the
9 publication is made. The notice shall also state the population
10 of the districts having the smallest and largest populations and
11 the percentage variation of such districts from the average
12 population for congressional districts.

13 CHAPTER 15

14 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

15 Section 1510. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect immediately.