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:

CHAPTER 1

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.
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CHAPTER 3

ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
Section 301. Congressional districts.

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

(1) The First District is composed of a portion of this Commonwealth.
(2) The Second District is composed of a portion of this Commonwealth.
(3) The Third District is composed of a portion of this Commonwealth.
(4) The Fourth District is composed of a portion of this Commonwealth.
(5) The Fifth District is composed of a portion of this Commonwealth.
(6) The Sixth District is composed of a portion of this Commonwealth.
(7) The Seventh District is composed of a portion of this Commonwealth.
(8) The Eighth District is composed of a portion of this Commonwealth.
(9) The Ninth District is composed of a portion of this Commonwealth.
(10) The Tenth District is composed of a portion of this Commonwealth.
(11) The Eleventh District is composed of a portion of this Commonwealth.
(12) The Twelfth District is composed of a portion of this Commonwealth.
Section 302. Current officeholders and vacancies.

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

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

Section 303. Missed political subdivision.

In the event any political subdivision or part thereof should be omitted in the description of the congressional districts, the political subdivision or part thereof shall be included as a part of the congressional district which completely surrounds it. Should any omitted political subdivision or part thereof be not completely surrounded by one congressional district, it shall become a part of that congressional district to which it is contiguous, or if there are two or more such contiguous
districts, it shall become a part of that congressional district contiguous thereto which has the least population.

Section 304. Duty to publish notice of redistricting.

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

CHAPTER 15
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1510. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.