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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.

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17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 CHAPTER 1

20 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1 Section 101. Short title.

2 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Congressional  
3 Redistricting Act of 2021.

4 Section 102. Definitions.

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

8 "Secretary." The Secretary of the Commonwealth.

9 CHAPTER 3

10 ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

11 Section 301. Congressional districts.

12 For the purpose of electing representatives of the people of  
13 Pennsylvania to serve in the House of Representatives in the  
14 Congress of the United States, this Commonwealth shall be  
15 divided into 17 districts which shall have one Congressman each,  
16 as follows:

17 (1) (Reserved).

18 (2) (Reserved).

19 Section 302. Current officeholders and vacancies.

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

23 (b) Vacancies.--Vacancies now existing or happening after  
24 the passage of this chapter and before the commencement of the  
25 terms of the members elected at the election of 2022 shall be  
26 filled for the unexpired terms from the districts formerly  
27 prescribed by law.

28 Section 303. Missed political subdivision.

29 In the event any political subdivision or part thereof should  
30 be omitted in the description of the congressional districts,

1 the political subdivision or part thereof shall be included as a  
2 part of the congressional district which completely surrounds  
3 it. Should any omitted political subdivision or part thereof be  
4 not completely surrounded by one congressional district, it  
5 shall become a part of that congressional district to which it  
6 is contiguous, or if there are two or more such contiguous  
7 districts, it shall become a part of that congressional district  
8 contiguous thereto which has the least population.

9 Section 304. Duty to publish notice of redistricting.

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

19 CHAPTER 15

20 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

21 Section 1501. Effective date.

22 This act shall take effect immediately.