
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 992 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, DECEMBER 13, 2021

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 13, 2021

AN ACT

1 Providing for the adoption of a population data set certified by
2 the Legislative Reapportionment Commission and providing for
3 use requirement in congressional redistricting legislation.

4 WHEREAS, Redistricting of congressional seats is required
5 following each decennial United States Census to equalize
6 district populations; and

7 WHEREAS, Accurate population data are the foundation for a
8 fair redistricting process; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau provided population
10 data to Pennsylvania on August 12, 2021; and

11 WHEREAS, The Legislative Reapportionment Commission certified
12 that population data from the United States Census Bureau is
13 available, pursuant to section 17(c) of Article II of the
14 Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for purposes
15 of redistricting.

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

18 Section 1. Short title.

19 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Congressional

1 Redistricting Data Set Act.

2 Section 2. Definitions.

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

6 "Data Set Number One." The adjusted census data that was
7 certified as being in usable form pursuant to Resolution 6B that
8 was adopted by the Legislative Reapportionment Commission on
9 October 25, 2021.

10 Section 3. Adoption of adjusted census data.

11 The General Assembly shall adopt the adjusted census data in
12 Data Set Number One for use in the congressional redistricting
13 legislation considered prior to the 2030 decennial census of the
14 United States.

15 Section 4. Use requirement for congressional redistricting
16 legislation.

17 The General Assembly shall use Data Set Number One in the
18 congressional redistricting legislation considered prior to the
19 2030 decennial census of the United States.

20 Section 5. Effective date.

21 This act shall take effect immediately.