

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1001

BY: COTNER

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPORTIONMENT ACT OF 1991; PROVIDING FOR COMPOSITION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; PROVIDING FOR DELINEATION OF AREAS FOR INCLUSION IN DISTRICTS; DIRECTING PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION OF DESCRIPTION AND MAPS OF THE DISTRICTS; AUTHORIZING CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; DELINEATING TERMS OF OFFICE; SETTING EFFECTIVE DATE OF DISTRICTS; REPEALING 14 O.S. 1981, SECTIONS 116, 117, 118, 119 AND 120, WHICH RELATE TO THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPORTIONMENT ACT OF 1981; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 121 of Title 14, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "State House of Representatives Apportionment Act of 1991".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 122 of Title 14, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The House of Representatives shall be composed of one hundred one (101) members. The delineation of areas to be included in each State Representative District is by the official Census Tracts, Block Groups, and Census Blocks as defined in 1990 by the United States Bureau of the Census.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 123 of Title 14, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Transportation is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and publish a description and maps of the State Representative Districts translating the descriptions by official Census Tracts, Block Groups, and Census Blocks into commonly understood descriptions by metes and bounds with reference to well-recognized landmarks and boundaries. Copies of said descriptions and maps shall be provided by the Department of Transportation to the State Election Board.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 124 Title 14, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Legislature declares that careful and diligent efforts have been put forth in the preparation of the State House of Representatives Districts described in this act to provide that each State House of Representatives District is as near equal in population to all other such districts as may be; provided, however, if by some scrivener's error any Census Tract, Block Group, or Census Block has been inadvertently and unintentionally so placed as to be noncontiguous with the remainder of the District to which it

has been assigned, then it shall be the duty of the Legislature in 1992 to correct such scrivener's error to preserve the equality of population in such districts.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 125 of Title 14, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Members of the House of Representatives elected in November 1990 shall hold office until the fifteenth day succeeding the general election in November 1992 and thereafter members of the House of Representatives shall be elected for terms of office of two (2) years.

B. The State House of Representatives Districts described in this act shall become effective on the fifteenth day following the general election in November 1992; provided, however, the State Election Board shall conduct the elections for the State House of Representatives in 1992 in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SECTION 6. REPEALER 14 O.S. 1981, Sections 116, 117, 118, 119 and 120, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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