

SENATE BILL No. 497

June 16, 2011, Introduced by Senator HUNE and referred to the Committee on Redistricting.

A bill to amend 1964 PA 282, entitled

"An act to divide the state into 15 congressional districts; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments and officers; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending the title and sections 3 and 5 (MCL 3.53 and 3.55), the title as amended and sections 3 and 5 as added by 2001 PA 115, and by adding sections 1a and 4a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

TITLE

An act to divide the state into ~~15~~ 14 congressional districts; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments and officers; **TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS**; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

SEC. 1A. THE STATE IS DIVIDED INTO 14 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO THE RATIO OF REPRESENTATION FIXED UNDER AN ACT OF

1 CONGRESS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES AMONG THE
2 SEVERAL STATES. EACH DISTRICT IS ENTITLED TO 1 REPRESENTATIVE. FOR
3 TERMS OF OFFICE BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2013, THE
4 DISTRICTS ARE CONSTITUTED AND NUMBERED AS FOLLOWS:

5 (A) THE FIRST DISTRICT.

6 (B) THE SECOND DISTRICT.

7 (C) THE THIRD DISTRICT.

8 (D) THE FOURTH DISTRICT.

9 (E) THE FIFTH DISTRICT.

10 (F) THE SIXTH DISTRICT.

11 (G) THE SEVENTH DISTRICT.

12 (H) THE EIGHTH DISTRICT.

13 (I) THE NINTH DISTRICT.

14 (J) THE TENTH DISTRICT.

15 (K) THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

16 (L) THE TWELFTH DISTRICT.

17 (M) THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

18 (N) THE FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

19 Sec. 3. (1) The secretary of state shall prepare a map and a
20 legal description of each district constituted under this act. The
21 legal description shall be in terms of political subdivisions, such
22 as counties, cities, and townships; man-made features, such as
23 streets, roads, highways, and railroads; and natural features, such
24 as waterways, which political subdivisions and man-made and natural
25 features form the boundaries of the district. The secretary of
26 state shall convey the map and legal description of each district
27 to the legislature and the governor.

1 (2) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, THERE IS
2 APPROPRIATED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE SUM OF \$30,000.00 FOR
3 THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN COMPLYING WITH
4 SUBSECTION (1).

5 SEC. 4A. ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO THE REDISTRICTING PLAN
6 IN SECTION 1A:

7 (A) THE NUMBER OF COUNTY BREAKS IN THE REDISTRICTING PLAN IS
8 DETERMINED BY THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

9 (i) BREAKING A COUNTY LINE MEANS ASSIGNING PART OF THE
10 POPULATION OF A COUNTY TO 1 OR MORE COUNTIES IN THE FORMATION OF A
11 DISTRICT.

12 (ii) IF POPULATION IS SHIFTED FROM A COUNTY TO A SINGLE
13 ELECTION DISTRICT, INCLUDING A DISTRICT FROM 2 GEOGRAPHICALLY
14 SEPARATE AREAS, THERE IS 1 BREAK. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
15 SUBPARAGRAPH (iii), IF POPULATION FROM A COUNTY IS SHIFTED TO 2 OR
16 MORE ELECTION DISTRICTS, THERE ARE 2 OR MORE BREAKS.

17 (iii) IF 1 PART OF A COUNTY IS SHIFTED TO A DISTRICT AND THE
18 REST OF THE COUNTY IS SHIFTED TO ANOTHER DISTRICT, THERE IS 1
19 BREAK.

20 (B) THE REDISTRICTING PLAN WAS DESIGNED TO COMPLY FULLY WITH
21 BOTH SECTION 2 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965, 42 USC 1973, AND
22 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE OF AMENDMENT XIV OF
23 THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, THE PLAN DOES NOT
24 SACRIFICE TRADITIONAL NEUTRAL PRINCIPLES, SUCH AS, MOST
25 IMPORTANTLY, PRESERVATION OF COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES, FOR
26 THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGING IN A GERRYMANDER THAT UNNECESSARILY FAVORS
27 1 RACIAL GROUP OVER OTHERS.

1 (C) THE REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
2 CONSISTS OF 14 SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS COMPOSED OF CONVENIENT
3 TERRITORIES CONTIGUOUS BY LAND.

4 Sec. 5. As used in this act:

5 (a) "Block" means block as that term is used by the United
6 States department of commerce, bureau of the census in conducting
7 the ~~2000~~2010 decennial census.

8 (b) "Tract" means tract as that term is used by the United
9 States department of commerce, bureau of the census in conducting
10 the ~~2000~~2010 decennial census.

11 Enacting section 1. Section 1 of 1964 PA 282, MCL 3.51, is
12 repealed.