

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to legislative and congressional
 3 apportionment; amending s. 97.021, F.S.; defining the
 4 term "year of apportionment" for purposes of the
 5 Florida Election Code; amending s. 99.061, F.S.;
 6 conforming a provision to changes made by act;
 7 providing an effective date.

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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Subsection (46) is added to section 97.021,
 12 Florida Statutes, to read:

13 97.021 Definitions.—For the purposes of this code, except
 14 where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

15 (46) "Year of apportionment" means:

16 (a) The second year after each decennial census, as
 17 specified in s. 16, Art. III of the State Constitution.

18 (b) Any other even-numbered year in which the validity of
 19 legislative or congressional district boundaries is subject to
 20 an active challenge, pending in any court, which has not been
 21 concluded by the rendering of or entry of a final order or
 22 judgment and by the exhaustion or waiver of all available direct
 23 appeals. This paragraph only applies to and has effect with
 24 respect to the senatorial, representative, or congressional
 25 offices for which the district boundaries are subject to an

26 | active challenge.

27 | Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 99.061, Florida
28 | Statutes, is amended to read:

29 | 99.061 Method of qualifying for nomination or election to
30 | federal, state, county, or district office.—

31 | (9) Notwithstanding the qualifying period prescribed by
32 | this section, in a year of apportionment ~~each year in which the~~
33 | ~~Legislature apportions the state,~~ the qualifying period for
34 | persons seeking to qualify for nomination or election to federal
35 | office shall be between noon of the 71st day before ~~prior to~~ the
36 | primary election, but not later than noon of the 67th day before
37 | ~~prior to~~ the primary election.

38 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.