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2022

1                               A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to district boundaries; amending s.  
3           124.01, F.S.; prohibiting a board of county  
4           commissioners from taking specified actions when  
5           drawing individual district boundaries; specifying  
6           that certain existing or future ordinances adopted or  
7           enacted by a county are void; creating s. 166.0321,  
8           F.S.; authorizing municipalities to fix the district  
9           boundaries for certain purposes; specifying the  
10          frequency of any changes that may be made to such  
11          district boundaries; prohibiting a municipality from  
12          taking specified actions when drawing individual  
13          district boundaries; specifying that certain existing  
14          or future ordinances adopted or enacted by a  
15          municipality are void; amending s. 1001.36, F.S.;  
16          prohibiting a district school board from taking  
17          specified actions when drawing individual district  
18          boundaries; specifying that certain existing or future  
19          ordinances adopted or enacted by a county are void;  
20          providing an effective date.

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

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24                Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 124.01, Florida  
25                Statutes, is amended to read:

26           124.01 Division of counties into districts; county  
 27 commissioners.—

28           (3) The board of county commissioners shall from time to  
 29 time ~~fix~~ the boundaries of the above districts so as to keep  
 30 them as nearly equal in proportion to population as possible;  
 31 provided ~~that~~ changes made in the boundaries of county  
 32 commissioner districts pursuant to this section shall be made  
 33 only in odd-numbered years. An individual district may not be  
 34 drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent and may not consider the  
 35 address of a candidate or incumbent during the district-drawing  
 36 process. Any existing or future ordinance enacted or adopted by  
 37 a county which conflicts with this subsection is void.

38           Section 2. Section 166.0321, Florida Statutes, is created  
 39 to read:

40           166.0321 Division of municipalities into districts.—Each  
 41 municipality shall from time to time fix the boundaries of its  
 42 districts so as to keep them as nearly equal in proportion as  
 43 possible, provided that such changes shall be made only in odd-  
 44 numbered years. An individual district may not be drawn to favor  
 45 or disfavor an incumbent and may not consider the address of a  
 46 candidate or incumbent during the district-drawing process. Any  
 47 existing or future ordinance enacted or adopted by a  
 48 municipality which conflicts with this section is void.

49           Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1001.36, Florida  
 50 Statutes, is amended to read:

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51 1001.36 District school board member residence areas.—

52 (2) Any district school board may make any change that it  
53 deems necessary in the boundaries of any district school board  
54 member residence area at any meeting of the district school  
55 board, provided that such changes shall be made only in odd-  
56 numbered years and that no change that would affect the  
57 residence qualifications of any incumbent member shall  
58 disqualify such incumbent member during the term for which he or  
59 she is elected. An individual district may not be drawn to favor  
60 or disfavor an incumbent and may not consider the address of a  
61 candidate or incumbent during the district-drawing process. Any  
62 existing or future ordinance enacted by a district school board  
63 which conflicts with this subsection is void.

64 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.