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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Reapportionment (Rodrigues) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 3568 and 3569

insert:

Section 7. Effective upon becoming a law, section 8.062, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

8.062 Limitation on choice of venue for actions challenging congressional districts.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, state court actions challenging the state's congressional districts shall be brought only in Leon County.



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11 Section 8. Effective upon becoming a law, section 8.063,  
12 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

13 8.063 Limitations on actions challenging congressional  
14 districts.-

15 (1) Actions challenging the state's congressional districts  
16 on state constitutional or state law grounds shall be brought  
17 exclusively in state court.

18 (2) A state court action challenging the state's  
19 congressional districts may raise any state constitutional or  
20 state law claims, and any federal constitutional or federal law  
21 claims, regarding the state's congressional districts that are  
22 within the jurisdiction of the circuit court.

23 (3) Nothing within this section shall be construed to  
24 preclude federal courts from deciding actions challenging the  
25 state's congressional districts on federal constitutional or  
26 federal law grounds.

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29 And the title is amended as follows:

30 Delete line 21

31 and insert:

32 F.S., relating to severability; creating s. 8.062,  
33 F.S.; requiring actions challenging the state's  
34 congressional districts to be brought in a specific  
35 venue; creating s. 8.063, F.S.; specifying limitations  
36 for actions challenging the state's congressional  
37 districts; providing for construction; amending s.  
38 8.07,