

By Senator Yarborough

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to local redistricting; amending s.
3 124.01, F.S.; prohibiting the consideration of the
4 residential addresses of certain persons during the
5 district-drawing process for boards of county
6 commissioners; providing construction; creating s.
7 166.0321, F.S.; requiring municipalities to fix the
8 boundaries of their districts in a certain manner;
9 specifying that district changes may be made only in
10 odd-numbered years; prohibiting the consideration of
11 the residential addresses of certain persons during
12 the district-drawing process; providing construction;
13 amending s. 1001.36, F.S.; prohibiting the
14 consideration of the residential addresses of certain
15 persons during the residence-area-drawing process for
16 district school boards; providing construction;
17 providing an effective date.

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

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

23 124.01 Division of counties into districts; county
24 commissioners.—

25 (3) The board of county commissioners shall, from time to
26 time, fix the boundaries of the county commissioners' ~~above~~
27 districts so as to keep them as nearly equal in proportion to
28 population as practicable, ~~possible;~~ provided, ~~that~~ changes made
29 in the boundaries of county commissioner districts pursuant to

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30 this section are ~~shall be~~ made only in odd-numbered years.
31 Districts may not be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor
32 a candidate for county commission or an incumbent county
33 commissioner based on the candidate's or incumbent's residential
34 address. Any ordinance enacted or adopted by a county on or
35 after July 1, 2023, which is in conflict with this subsection is
36 void.

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

39 166.0321 Division of municipalities into districts.—Each
40 municipality, shall, from time to time, fix the boundaries of
41 its districts so as to keep them as nearly equal in proportion
42 to their respective populations as practicable, provided that
43 such changes are made only in odd-numbered years. Districts may
44 not be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a candidate
45 for member of the governing body or an incumbent member of the
46 governing body based on the candidate's or incumbent's
47 residential address. Any ordinance enacted or adopted by a
48 municipality on or after July 1, 2023, which is in conflict with
49 this section is void.

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

52 1001.36 District school board member residence areas.—

53 (2) A ~~Any~~ district school board may make any change that it
54 deems necessary in the boundaries of any district school board
55 member residence area at any meeting of the district school
56 board, provided that such changes are ~~shall be~~ made only in odd-
57 numbered years and that no change that would affect the
58 residence qualifications of any incumbent member disqualifies

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59 ~~shall disqualify~~ such incumbent member during the term for which
60 he or she is elected. Residence areas may not be drawn with the
61 intent to favor or disfavor a candidate for district school
62 board member or an incumbent district school board member based
63 on the candidate's or incumbent's residential address. Any
64 resolution adopted by a district school board on or after July
65 1, 2023, which is in conflict with this subsection is void.

66 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.