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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 04/20/2023 House

The Committee on Rules (Hutson) recommended the following: Senate Amendment (with title amendment) Before line 12 insert: Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 124.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 124.01 Division of counties into districts; county commissioners.-(3) The board of county commissioners shall, from time to time, fix the boundaries of the <u>county commissioners'</u> above districts so as to keep them as nearly equal in proportion to

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12	population as <u>practicable</u> , possible ; provided, that changes made
13	in the boundaries of county commissioner districts pursuant to
14	this section are shall be made only in odd-numbered years.
15	Districts may not be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor
16	a candidate for county commission or an incumbent county
17	commissioner based on the candidate's or incumbent's residential
18	address. Any ordinance enacted or adopted by a county on or
19	after July 1, 2023, which is in conflict with this subsection is
20	void.
21	Section 2. Section 166.0321, Florida Statutes, is created
22	to read:
23	166.0321 Division of municipalities into districtsEach
24	municipality shall, from time to time, fix the boundaries of its
25	districts so as to keep them as nearly equal in proportion to
26	their respective populations as practicable, provided that such
27	changes are made only in odd-numbered years. Districts may not
28	be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a candidate for
29	member of the governing body or an incumbent member of the
30	governing body based on the candidate's or incumbent's
31	residential address. Any ordinance enacted or adopted by a
32	municipality on or after July 1, 2023, which is in conflict with
33	this section is void.
34	Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1001.36, Florida
35	Statutes, is amended to read:
36	1001.36 District school board member residence areas
37	(2) A Any district school board may make any change that it
38	deems necessary in the boundaries of any district school board
39	member residence area at any meeting of the district school
40	board, provided that such changes are shall be made only in odd-

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41	numbered years and that no change that would affect the
42	residence qualifications of any incumbent member disqualifies
43	shall disqualify such incumbent member during the term for which
44	he or she is elected. Residence areas may not be drawn with the
45	intent to favor or disfavor a candidate for district school
46	board member or an incumbent district school board member based
47	on the candidate's or incumbent's residential address. Any
48	resolution adopted by a district school board on or after July
49	1, 2023, which is in conflict with this subsection is void.
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51	========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =================================
52	And the title is amended as follows:
53	Delete line 2
54	and insert:
55	An act relating to residency of local elected
56	officials; amending s. 124.01, F.S.; prohibiting the
57	consideration of the residential addresses of certain
58	persons during the district-drawing process for boards
59	of county commissioners; providing construction;
60	creating s. 166.0321, F.S.; requiring municipalities
61	to fix the boundaries of their districts in a certain
62	manner; specifying that district changes may be made
63	only in odd-numbered years; prohibiting the
64	consideration of the residential addresses of certain
65	persons during the district-drawing process; providing
66	construction; amending s. 1001.36, F.S.; prohibiting
67	the consideration of the residential addresses of
68	certain persons during the residence-area-drawing
69	process for district school boards; providing

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construction;