

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, l 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
 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

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