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At a Special Session of the Florida Legislature convened under Article III, Section 3(c), of the Constitution of the State, as revised in 1968, and subsequently amended, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, on Monday, August 10, 2015, in the State of Florida.

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## CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Gardiner at 3:00 p.m. A quorum present—26:

Mr. President	Gaetz	Negron
Altman	Galvano	Richter
Bean	Gibson	Sachs
Bradley	Hukill	Simmons
Brandes	Hutson	Simpson
Braynon	Joyner	Sobel
Clemens	Lee	Soto
Dean	Legg	Thompson
Detert	Montford	

Excused: Senators Abruzzo, Benacquisto, Bullard, Diaz de la Portilla, Flores, Garcia, Grimsley, Hays, Latvala, Margolis, Ring, Smith, and Stargel

## PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator Richter:

Eternal God our Father, we are gathered once again to do the work for Florida. Lord, we are not sure what district we are in yet, but I'm sure you will help us figure it out. Lord, we thank you for the friendship that surrounds the conversations within the halls. We thank you for our health, and we thank you for our families. We ask that you guide our thoughts as we proceed with the task at hand and that, Lord, you put this task to rest when we are done.

In your name we pray. Amen.

## PLEDGE

Senator Brandes led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

By direction of the President, the Secretary read the following proclamation:

## THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE JOINT PROCLAMATION

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA SENATE AND THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

We, Andy Gardiner, President of the Florida Senate, and Steve Crisafulli, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, by virtue of the authority vested in us by Article III, Section 3(c), Florida Constitution, and Section 11.011, Florida Statutes, do hereby proclaim:

1. That the Legislature of the State of Florida is convened in Special Session pursuant to Article III, Section 3(c), Florida Constitution, and Section 11.011, Florida Statutes, at the Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, the 10th day of August, 2015, for a period of 12 days, ending at 12:00 noon on Friday, the 21st day of August, 2015.

2. That the Legislature is convened for the sole and exclusive purpose of considering revisions to Chapter 8, Florida Statutes, as amended by Chapters 2012-2 and 2014-255, Laws of Florida, which establishes the congressional districts of the state, to amend Congressional Districts 5, 13, 14, 21, 22, 25, 26, and 27 consistent with the Florida Supreme Court opinion in *League of Women Voters of Fla., et al. v. Detzner, et al.*, SC14-1905, (Fla. July 9, 2015) and to make conforming changes to districts that are a direct result of the changes to the referenced Congressional Districts.



Andy Gardiner  
President, The Florida Senate  
July 20, 2015



Steve Crisafulli  
Speaker, The Florida House  
of Representatives  
July 20, 2015



Duly filed with and received by the Florida Department of State this 20th day of July, 2015 by:

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

## INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

### FIRST READING

By Senator Galvano—

**SB 2-B**—A bill to be entitled An act establishing the congressional districts of the state; reenacting s. 8.0001, F.S., relating to definitions; amending s. 8.0002, F.S.; redistricting the state's congressional districts in accordance with the United States Decennial Census of 2010 (plan H000C9065); reenacting s. 8.0111, F.S., relating to the inclusion of unlisted territory in contiguous districts; reenacting s. 8.0112, F.S., relating to districts with noncontiguous territory; reenacting s. 8.02, F.S., relating to new counties; reenacting s. 8.031, F.S.; relating to the election of representatives to the United States House of Representatives; reenacting s. 8.05, F.S., relating to members of governmental agencies appointed pursuant to former district boundaries; reenacting s. 8.0611, F.S., relating to severability; providing for applicability; repealing ss. 8.08, 8.081, 8.082, 8.083, 8.084, 8.085, 8.086, 8.087, and 8.088, F.S.; deleting provisions providing for apportionment of districts for the United States House of Representatives which are superseded by the act; repealing s. 8.07, F.S.; providing for the future repeal of provisions relating to the applicability of districts for the United States House of Representatives which are superseded by the act; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committee on Reapportionment.

### ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

On motion by Senator Simmons, the Senate agreed to take up **SCR 4-B** instantler.

By Senator Simmons—

**SCR 4-B**—A concurrent resolution providing for adjourning and reconvening of each house of the Legislature and providing for adjournment sine die during the 2015 Special Session B.

—was read the first time by title.

**SCR 4-B**—A concurrent resolution providing for adjourning and reconvening of each house of the Legislature and providing for adjournment sine die during the 2015 Special Session B.

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives Concurring:*

That pursuant to Section (3)(e) of Article III of the State Constitution, each house of the Legislature may, without further consent from the other house, determine its respective dates and times for adjourning and reconvening during the 2015 Special Session B of the Legislature, beginning Monday, August 10, 2015, and ending Friday, August 21, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature shall adjourn sine die, Friday, August 21, 2015, at noon or upon motion after final passage by the Legislature of a bill establishing congressional districts in this state.

On motion by Senator Simmons, **SCR 4-B** was read the second time in full and adopted.

### MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Galvano, the rules were waived and an amendment deadline of 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2015, was set for the Committee on Reapportionment meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 13, 2015.

On motion by Senator Galvano, the rules were waived and an amendment deadline of 8:00 a.m., Friday, August 14, 2015, was set for the Committee on Reapportionment meeting scheduled for noon, Friday, August 14, 2015.

On motion by Senator Galvano, the rules were waived and an amendment deadline of 8:00 a.m., Monday, August 17, 2015, was set for the Committee on Reapportionment meeting scheduled for noon, Monday, August 17, 2015.

### SPECIAL GUESTS

Senator Simpson recognized his son, Wilton Simpson, Jr., who was present in the chamber.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

At the request of Senator Joyner, the Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of Senator Smith, who was recovering from surgery.

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### RETURNING MESSAGES — FINAL ACTION

The Honorable Andy Gardiner, President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted SCR 4-B.

*Bob Ward, Clerk*

The bill contained in the foregoing message was ordered enrolled.

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Communications were received from the President for the following committee appointments: Senators Galvano, Chair; Smith, Vice Chair; Bradley; Gibson; Lee; Montford; and Simmons were appointed to the Committee on Reapportionment on July 20, 2015.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP CHANGE

Communications were received from the President for the following committee membership changes: Senator Braynon, Vice Chair, was appointed; and Senator Smith, Vice Chair, was removed from the Committee on Reapportionment on August 3, 2015.

### ENROLLING REPORTS

SCR 4-B has been enrolled, signed by the required Constitutional Officers, and filed with the Secretary of State on August 10, 2015.

*Debbie Brown, Secretary*

### CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journal of June 19, 2015, Special Session A, was corrected and approved.

### ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Senator Simmons, the Senate adjourned at 3:54 p.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 19 or upon call of the President.