WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Originating

House Bill 302

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A BILL to amend §1-2-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to reapportionment of the counties of this state into congressional districts following the 2020 decennial census.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

§1-2-3. Congressional districts.

The number of members to which the state is entitled in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States are apportioned among the counties of the state, arranged into ~~three~~ two congressional districts, numbered as follows:

First District: ~~Barbour, Brooke, Doddridge, Gilmer, Grant, Hancock, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Mineral, Monongalia, Ohio, Pleasants, Preston, Ritchie, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Wetzel and Wood~~.

COUNTY POPULATION

Boone 21,809

Braxton 12,447

Cabell 94,350

Calhoun 6,229

Clay 8,051

Fayette 40,488

Gilmer 7,408

Greenbrier 32,977

Jackson 27,791

Kanawha 180,745

Lincoln 20,463

Logan 32,567

Mason 25,453

McDowell 19,111

Mercer 59,664

Mingo 23,568

Monroe 12,376

Nicholas 24,604

Pendleton 6,143

Pocahontas 7,869

Putnam 57,440

Raleigh 74,591

Roane 14,028

Summers 11,959

Wayne 38,982

Webster 8,378

Wirt 5,194

Wyoming 21,382

DISTRICT 1 TOTAL 896,067

Second District: ~~Berkeley, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Hampshire, Hardy, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Morgan, Pendleton, Putnam, Randolph, Roane, Upshur and Wirt~~.

COUNTY POPULATION

Barbour 15,465

Berkeley 122,076

Brooke 22,559

Doddridge 7,808

Grant 10,976

Hampshire 23,093

Hancock 29,095

Hardy 14,299

Harrison 65,921

Jefferson 57,701

Lewis 17,033

Marion 56,205

Marshall 30,591

Mineral 26,938

Monongalia 105,822

Morgan 17,063

Ohio 42,425

Pleasants 7,653

Preston 34,216

Randolph 27,932

Ritchie 8,444

Taylor 16,705

Tucker 6,762

Tyler 8,313

Upshur 23,816

Wetzel 14,442

Wood 84,296

DISTRICT 2 TOTAL 897,649

~~Third District: Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Greenbrier, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne, Webster and Wyoming~~.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to reapportion and assign the counties of this state into congressional districts to adjust for population as determined by the 2020 decennial census.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.