

SENATE BILL No. 53

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-1-9-12.5; IC 3-3-2.

Synopsis: Redistricting. Prohibits the general assembly from establishing or modifying house districts, senate districts, or congressional districts at a time other than the first regular session of the general assembly convening immediately following the United States decennial census.

Effective: Upon passage.

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December 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections.



Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-1-9-12.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 12.5. Except as provided in section 13 of**
4 **this chapter, the general assembly may not establish or modify**
5 **house or senate districts at a time other than the first regular**
6 **session of the general assembly convening immediately following**
7 **the United States decennial census.**

8 SECTION 2. IC 3-3-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
9 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) Congressional districts
10 shall be established by law at the first regular session of the general
11 assembly convening immediately following the United States decennial
12 census.

13 (b) **Except as provided in section 2 of this chapter, the general**
14 **assembly may not establish or modify congressional districts at a**
15 **time other than the first regular session of the general assembly**
16 **convening immediately following the United States decennial**
17 **census.**



1 SECTION 3. IC 3-3-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.133-2021,
 2 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. ~~(a) This subsection applies only to the first~~
 4 ~~regular session of the one hundred twenty-second general assembly. If~~
 5 ~~the general assembly adjourns sine die before November 15, 2021,~~
 6 ~~without having complied with the requirements of section 1 of this~~
 7 ~~chapter, a redistricting commission is established. The redistricting~~
 8 ~~commission consists of the speaker of the house, the president pro tem~~
 9 ~~of the senate, the chairpersons of the senate and house committees~~
 10 ~~responsible for legislative apportionment, and a fifth member~~
 11 ~~appointed by the governor from the membership of the general~~
 12 ~~assembly.~~

13 ~~(b) (a) This subsection applies to a session of the general assembly~~
 14 ~~beginning after November 15, 2021. If a session of the general~~
 15 ~~assembly adjourns without having complied with the requirements of~~
 16 ~~section 1 of this chapter or if for any other reason at any time the state~~
 17 ~~finds itself without a valid congressional district law, a redistricting~~
 18 ~~commission shall be established which shall consist of the speaker of~~
 19 ~~the house, the president pro tem of the senate, the chairman of the~~
 20 ~~senate and house committees responsible for legislative apportionment~~
 21 ~~and a fifth member who shall be appointed by the governor from the~~
 22 ~~membership of the general assembly.~~

23 ~~(c) (b) The redistricting commission shall meet within thirty (30)~~
 24 ~~days after adjournment of the general assembly at a time and place~~
 25 ~~designated by the president pro tem of the senate and shall adopt a~~
 26 ~~congressional redistricting plan in accordance with this chapter.~~

27 ~~(d) (c) Any plan so adopted shall be signed by a majority of the~~
 28 ~~redistricting committee and submitted to the governor who forthwith~~
 29 ~~shall issue and publish the governor's executive order establishing~~
 30 ~~congressional districts in accordance with the plan so adopted and~~
 31 ~~directing the commission to place such congressional districts in effect~~
 32 ~~for the primary and general elections next succeeding such general~~
 33 ~~assembly. Congressional districts so established shall continue in effect~~
 34 ~~until changed by statute.~~

35 SECTION 4. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

