

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.**

