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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair  
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### AB 604 (Aguiar-Curry) - Redistricting: congressional districts

**Version:** August 18, 2025

**Urgency:** Yes

**Hearing Date:** August 20, 2025

**Policy Vote:** E. & C.A. 4 - 1

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Robert Ingenito

**Bill Summary:** AB 604 would specify the elements that define the congressional districts that would be adopted only if (1) ACA 8 of the 2025–26 Regular Session is approved by the voters and takes effect, and (2) specified constitutional provisions become operable.

**Fiscal Impact:** The Secretary of State (SOS) would incur administrative costs to the extent that specified ambiguities or disputes related to boundary lines occur. Workload to SOS would be driven by (1) the number of such ambiguities/disputes, and (2) their complexity and related resources needed to achieve resolution. Because both of these factors are unknown, the costs to SOS resulting from this bill cannot be determined. (General Fund).

**Background:** As summarized by the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments, the California Constitution requires that in the year following the year in which a national census is taken under the direction of Congress at the start of a decade, the Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) shall adjust the lines of congressional, State Senatorial, Assembly, and Board of Equalization districts, pursuant to specified standards and procedures.

ACA 8 places on the ballot a measure, that if passed by the voters, would amend the Constitution to adopt the maps for congressional districts to be used for every congressional election for a term of office commencing on or after the date ACA 8 takes effect and prior to the operative date of new congressional boundary lines drawn by the CRC following the 2030 national census.

**Proposed Law:** This bill, among other things, would do the following:

- Contain the legal descriptions of California congressional districts that would be adopted only if (1) ACA 8 of the 2025–26 Regular Session is approved by the voters and takes effect, and (2) specified constitutional provisions become operable.
- Specify that in the event this bill does not list, lists more than once, or only partially accounts for a census tract or census block and, as a result, an ambiguity or dispute arises regarding the location of a boundary line, SOS and the elections official of each county shall rely on the detailed maps prepared by the Assembly Elections Committee and the Senate Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments.

- Remain in effect until CRC redistricts congressional districts following the 2030 national census.

**Related Legislation:**

- ACA 8 (Rivas and McGuire) would implement new congressional districts described in this bill, to take effect if and when Texas or another state redistricts its congressional seats, as specified. The measure is pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- SB 280 (Cervantes and Pellerin) would call a special election for November 4, 2025, require SOS to submit ACA 8 to the voters at that election as Proposition 50, and provide for the conduct of that election. The bill is pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- AB 632 (Cedillo, Chapter 348, Statutes of 2001) last adopted legal descriptions of congressional districts via legislative action.

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