Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

**NEW SECTION.** Section 1. It is the intent of the legislature to reapportion and redistrict the congressional districts of the state of Washington in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and the state of Washington. It is the intent to encompass within each congressional district, as nearly as practicable, an equal number of state inhabitants as enumerated in the 1980 federal decennial census.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. In every case the population of the congressional districts created has been ascertained on the basis of the total number of persons found inhabiting such areas as of April 1, 1980, under the 1980 federal decennial census. The legislature hereby declares that no practical means have been found to more accurately determine the population inhabiting such areas other than through the 1980 federal decennial census data.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 3. (1) Any area not specifically included within the boundaries of any of the districts as described in this chapter and which is completely surrounded by a particular district, shall be a part of that district. Any such area not completely surrounded by a particular district shall be a part of the district having the smallest number of inhabitants and having territory contiguous to such area.

(2) Any area described in this chapter as specifically embraced in two or more noninclusive districts shall be a part of the adjacent district having the smallest number of inhabitants and shall not be a part of the other district or districts.

(3) Any area specifically mentioned as embraced within a district but separated from such district by one or more other districts, shall be assigned as though it had not been included in any district specifically described.

(4) Where a congressional district boundary intersects an individual dwelling, the residents of that household shall be assigned to the adjacent district having the smallest number of inhabitants.

(5) The 1980 United States federal decennial census shall be used for determining the number of inhabitants under this chapter.
(6) If any court of competent jurisdiction requires transient military personnel that were not included in the United States census bureau data to be included, these persons shall be included in the population of the district or districts from which the persons were excluded.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Some congressional district boundaries are defined in terms of the legislative districts established under chapter 44.07B RCW as it exists on the effective date of this act. Any amendment of a legislative district enacted after the effective date of this act shall not alter congressional district boundaries unless the alteration of the congressional district boundaries is specifically included in the amendment.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. For the purposes of this chapter, congressional districts shall be described in terms of:

(1) Legislative districts established under chapter 44.07B RCW as it exists on the effective date of this act except as provided in section 4 of this act;

(2) Official United States census bureau tracts, enumeration districts, block numbering areas, block groups, blocks, or census county divisions established by the United States bureau of the census in the 1980 federal decennial census;

(3) Counties, municipalities, or other political subdivisions or parts of political subdivisions as they existed on April 1, 1980;

(4) Any natural or artificial boundaries or monuments including but not limited to rivers, streams, or lakes as they existed on April 1, 1980;

(5) Legal descriptions used to describe real property including "section", "range", and "township";

(6) Roads, streets, or highways as they existed on April 1, 1980; or

(7) Standard surveying terminology including latitude, longitude, compass directions, and metes and bounds.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The following abbreviations used in this chapter have the following meanings:

(1) "T" means "census tract";

(2) "ED" means "census enumeration district";

(3) "BG" means "census block group";

(4) "B" means "block"; and

(5) "BNA" means "block numbering area"; and

(6) "Division" or "div." means "census county division".

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A single member of the United States House of Representatives shall be elected from each of the eight congressional districts provided for in this chapter at the general election to be held on the
first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1982, and every two years thereafter, for two-year terms.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. The First congressional district shall consist of the following areas:

All of the First legislative district not in the Seventh congressional district
All of the Twenty-first legislative district
All of the Forty-fourth legislative district
All of the Forty-fifth legislative district not in the Eighth congressional district

These additional areas in King County:

T 1
T 2 (part: BG 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, B 301–303)
T 7
T 8
T 9
T 10
T 11
T 14
T 15
T 16
T 17 (part: BG 4, 5, B 601–604)
T 21
T 22
T 23
T 24
T 25
T 31 (part: B 106, 107, 206, 207, 311, 312, BG 4–8)
T 32
T 32.99
T 39
T 40
T 41
T 42 (part: BG 1, 2, 8, B 301–312, 321, 322, 402–412, 501–510, 707–714)
T 55
T 56
T 57
T 57.99
T 58.01 (part: BG 6–8, B 109–126)
T 58.02 (part: BG 3–5, 9, B 224–227)
T 211 (part: B 208, 209, 301–310)
T 212
T 213
T 227 (part: BG 3, 4)
T 241
T 242
T 323.04 (part: The part in the Forty-seventh legislative district)

In Kitsap County:
T 907
T 908
T 909
T 910

These additional areas in Snohomish County:

The city of Everett
T 402 (part: The part outside the city of Everett)
T 413 (part: The part outside the city of Everett)
T 416.01 (part: The part outside the city of Everett)
T 416.02
T 417 (part: The part north of the extension of 148th St. S.E. and outside the city of Everett)
T 418.01 (part: The part outside the city of Everett)
T 418.02 (part: B 305–308, 310–313, 315, and the part of BG 9 outside the city of Everett)
T 419 (part: The part in the Thirty-eighth legislative district outside the city of Everett)
T 520 (part: All except the part west of 35th Ave. S.E. and south of 148th St. S.E. and extension thereof)
T 521.02 (part: B 114–129)

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. The Second congressional district shall consist of the following areas:

All of Clallam County
All of Jefferson County
All of Mason County not in the Sixth congressional district
All of Island County
All of San Juan County
All of Whatcom County
All of Skagit County
All of Grays Harbor County not in the Third congressional district
All of Snohomish County not in the First congressional district
All of Kitsap County not in the First and Sixth congressional districts

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. The Third congressional district shall consist of the following areas:

All of Clark County
All of Cowlitz County
All of Lewis County
All of Pacific County
All of Thurston County
All of Wahkiakum County
All of Grays Harbor County in legislative district 19-B

In Pierce County:

T 701 (part: ED 254)
T 714.01 (part: B 919-926)
T 730
T 731.02
T 732

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. The Fourth congressional district shall consist of the following areas:

All of Benton County
All of Chelan County
All of Douglas County
All of Franklin County
All of Grant County
All of Kittitas County
All of Klickitat County
All of Okanogan County
All of Skamania County
All of Yakima County

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. The Fifth congressional district shall consist of the following areas:

All of Adams County
All of Asotin County
All of Columbia County
All of Ferry County
All of Garfield County
All of Lincoln County
All of Pend Oreille County
All of Spokane County
NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. The Sixth congressional district shall consist of the following areas:

All of the Twenty-fifth legislative district except:

T 702 (part: ED 257, 260)
T 703.01
T 703.02
T 706 (part: The part outside the city of Sumner)

All of the Twenty-sixth legislative district
All of the Twenty-seventh legislative district
All of the Twenty-eighth legislative district
All of the Twenty-ninth legislative district

These additional areas in Kitsap County:

T 801
T 802
T 803
T 804
T 805
T 806
T 807
T 808
T 809
T 810
T 811
T 812
T 813
T 814
T 814.99
T 918 (part: BG 2)
T 920

In Mason County:

Belfair Division
Skokomish Reservation Division
South Shore Division
Tahuya Division
ED 408
ED 410
These additional areas in Pierce County:

T 713.01 (part: B 208–211)
T 713.02 (part: B 301, 302, 305)
T 714.01 (part: B 524, 908–911, 913–916, 917, 918, 927–929)
T 714.02
T 715.02 (part: BG 3)
T 728
T 729
T 731.01 (part: B 108, 109, 116, 148)

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. The Seventh congressional district shall consist of the following areas:

All of the Thirty-second legislative district
All of the Thirty-fourth legislative district
All of the Thirty-sixth legislative district not in the First congressional district
All of the Thirty-seventh legislative district
All of the Forty-third legislative district
All of the Forty-sixth legislative district not in the First congressional district
All of the Eleventh legislative district not in the Eighth congressional district.

These additional areas in King County:

T 3
T 6 (part: The part in the First legislative district)
T 12 (part: The part in the First legislative district)
T 210
T 211 (part: The part in the First legislative district)
T 273
T 274 (part: BG 1, 2, 6, B 301–306, 308)
T 280
T 281
T 282
T 283 (part: BG 1, 2)
T 284.01
T 284.02
T 284.03
T 285
NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. The Eighth congressional district shall consist of the following areas:

All of the Thirtieth legislative district
All of the Thirty-first legislative district
All of the Thirty-third legislative district not in the Seventh congressional district
All of the Forty-first legislative district
All of the Forty-seventh legislative district not in the First congressional district
All additional areas in Pierce County not included in the Third and Sixth congressional districts
All of the Forty-eighth legislative district not in the First congressional district

These additional areas in King County:

T 252 (part: All except B 209)
T 254 (part: BG 1, 2, B 507–513, 515)
T 255
T 256 (part: The part outside the city of Renton)
T 292.01
T 292.02
T 293.01 (part: BG 9)
T 293.02 (part: B 302–312, 910, 911)
T 323.04 (part: B 113, 925–927, the parts of B 112, 115–117, 938, and 960 outside the city of Redmond, and the part of B 966 west of the extension of 220th Ave. N.E.)
T 327 (part: ED 80 U, 83A, 84, 85)

NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. The legislature recognizes and intends to carry out the legislature's constitutional duty to provide for redistricting and reapportionment by taking the necessary legislative action to remedy any portion of this act which is found to be invalid. When necessary, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the secretary of state shall each designate one person and the three persons so designated shall jointly recommend any necessary remedies to the legislature before the next special or regular legislative session.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. Sections 1 through 16 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 29 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. The legislature recognizes that it is of paramount importance to the people of this state that their government be responsible and accountable. To this end, regular reapportionment and
redistricting of state legislative and congressional districts is required to ensure fair and effective representation for the citizens of this state. The legislature further recognizes that local government districts should be regularly and fairly reapportioned and redistricted. Therefore, a decennial commission system is hereby established to provide for the development of plans, to be adopted into law without amendment, for reapportionment and redistricting, according to specific criteria and standards.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 19. After each decennial census made by authority of the United States after the effective date of this act, and thereafter in each year ending in one, a commission shall be established to provide for the development of plans, to be adopted into law without amendment, for the redistricting and reapportionment of state legislative and congressional districts as are required by law, and for the review of local redistricting plans. The commission shall be known as the voting boundary commission.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 20. State and congressional redistricting plans shall be drawn by the voting boundary commission according to the following apportionment standards:

1. State legislative districts in each house of the legislature shall have population as nearly equal as is practicable, excluding transient military personnel, according to the population reported in the most recent federal decennial census. In no case may a single district have a population which varies by more than five percent from the average population of all districts.

2. Congressional districts shall have a population as nearly equal as is practicable, excluding transient military personnel, according to the population reported in the most recent federal decennial census. In no case may a single district have a population which varies by more than two percent from the average population of all districts.

3. All districts shall be composed of convenient and contiguous territory.

4. All districts shall be drawn, as nearly as practicable, so as to be separated by existing natural or artificial barriers.

5. All districts shall be drawn to coincide with the boundaries of local political subdivisions, if practicable and not inconsistent with other criteria.

6. No district may be drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of any language or racial minority group.

7. No district may be drawn to purposely favor or disfavor any political party.

8. Districts shall be drawn so as to minimize division of natural neighborhoods and communities of interest, whenever practicable.
NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. Members of the voting boundary commission shall be selected as follows:

(1) By January 1st of each year ending in one, the secretary of state shall give public notice of the establishment of that decade's voting boundary commission to give reasonable and adequate opportunity for interested parties to offer nominations to the selecting authorities.

(2) By February 15, the selecting authorities shall announce their appointment, and certify those appointments to the secretary of state, of the persons selected to serve as voting boundary commission commissioners. If after February 15 an appointment has not been made, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the chief judges of the court of appeals divisions from a list of names submitted by the party leadership of the original selecting authority for that position. The leadership shall submit a list of at least three names to the court of appeals judges by March 1 and selection shall be made therefrom within five calendar days. If the selecting authority fails to submit a list of names to the court of appeals chief judges, it is the responsibility of the chief judges to appoint a commissioner of their own choosing by March 10 and certify the appointment to the secretary of state.

(3) The secretary of state shall be the nonvoting chairman of the voting boundary commission.

(4) A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the original selecting authority, or its successor, within fifteen days of the vacancy.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 22. The selecting authorities shall be as follows:

(1) For commissioner 1, the legislative leadership of the largest party in the Washington state house of representatives.

(2) For commissioner 2, the legislative leadership of the second largest party in the Washington state house of representatives.

(3) For commissioner 3, the legislative leadership of the largest party in the Washington state senate.

(4) For commissioner 4, the legislative leadership of the second largest party in the Washington state senate.

(5) For commissioner 5, the state central committee of the political party to which the governor belongs.

(6) For commissioner 6, the state central committee of the major political party with which the governor is not affiliated.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. (1) Each person appointed to the commission shall take an oath in substantially the following form: "I, ............., do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duties as commissioner, I will uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and the state of Washington, and I will serve the public interest of the people of this state in establishing fair and equitable
redistricting and reapportionment plans according to the standards and 
guidelines of the United States and Washington state Constitutions and the 
provisions of the voting boundary commission act."

(2) No person may be appointed to the commission who:
(a) Is not a registered voter of the state at the time of selection;
(b) Holds or has held legislative or congressional office within six 
months prior to selection;
(c) Is a relative of or is employed by a member of the state house of 
representatives or the state senate; or
(d) Is or has within three months prior to selection been a registered 
lobbyist.

(3) Each commissioner shall comply with the disclosure requirements of 
the public disclosure act, chapter 42.17 RCW, within thirty days of ap-
pointment as commissioner, and thereafter as may be required pursuant to 
the public disclosure act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. No member of the commission may hold or 
campaign for a legislative or congressional seat while a member of the 
commission.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 25. (1) The commission shall prepare, by 
November 31st of each year ending in one, at least one plan dividing the 
state into legislative and congressional districts. If a plan receives the ap-
proval of four commissioners, it shall be designated a four-commissioner 
plan and shall be submitted to the legislature for statutory enactment with- 
out amendment.

(2) If no plan achieves the approval of four commissioners, then any 
three commissioners may propose a plan to the legislature by December 
15th of each year ending in one. All such three-commissioner plans shall be 
submitted to the legislature for approval without amendment. A roll call 
vote is required on each such plan submitted. The legislature shall vote on 
each plan within fifteen legislative days of its submission.

(3) A plan that does not receive a majority vote in each house of the 
legislature or that has been vetoed by the governor shall be returned to the 
commission. Within twenty days of the date on which the legislature no 
longer has any plan before it for consideration, the commission shall submit 
a single four-commissioner plan to the legislature. If no four commissioners 
agree, such three-commissioner plans as are available shall be submitted to 
the legislature. The legislature shall vote on each plan within fifteen legisla-
tive days of the plan's submission.

(4) The commission shall adopt state legislative and congressional plans 
in accordance with the rule-making procedures of chapter 34.04 RCW, the
administrative procedure act: PROVIDED, That the judicial review provisions of the administrative procedure act do not apply.

(5) The state legislative and congressional plans shall be drawn according to the apportionment standards of section 20 of this act.

(6) If a plan is not approved by the legislature by June 1 of each year ending in two, the secretary of state may petition the applicable federal court to declare the existing redistricting and reapportionment laws invalid and provide for redistricting and reapportionment by court order.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. (1) The commission shall adopt rules of practice and procedure pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW, the administrative procedure act.

(2) Three members of the commission constitute a quorum to do business.

(3) The commission shall, in the preparation and adoption of plans, provide for adequate notice to the public of its actions. The commission shall, prior to adoption of a plan, hold public hearings.

(4) The commission shall preserve all information filed with and developed by the commission. Upon the ultimate conclusion of the business of any decade's commission, its records and files shall be transferred to the custody of the state archives.

(5) The commission is subject to the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW.

(6) The commission shall prepare and maintain minutes of its proceedings pursuant to RCW 42.32.030.

(7) The commission shall prepare and publish a report on the final state plan, explaining how population and other criteria were used in drawing the plan, and providing a detailed map or maps showing the location of district boundaries. The official copy of the report shall be filed with the secretary of state.

(8) In each certification or remand of a local government plan, the commission shall prepare a report explaining the basis for its action, including the criteria applied.

(9) The commission shall be the agency of state government designated to receive the results of each federal decennial census. In the case of census data generated or forwarded by the federal government during a period in which a decennial commission is not in operation, the office of the secretary of state shall be the agency designated to receive the data.

(10)(a) The decennial commission shall prepare state and congressional plans and review local government plans as expeditiously as possible. The commission shall take all necessary steps to conclude its business and cease operations, including a final report detailing financial expenditures and the disposition of all commission property, papers, and business, by October 31
of each year ending in two. The commission shall thereupon be terminated, until appointment of the next decade's commission: PROVIDED, That the commission may temporarily reconvene from time to time if necessary to hear and decide appeals from a challenged local plan, or if reconvened by the supreme court to comply with a court order for preparation of a new plan or revision of the existing plan.

(b) When the decade's decennial commission has ceased operations, any remaining commission business, if any, shall be transferred for conclusion to the office of the secretary of state. Any legal challenges or litigation pending at the time of the commission's termination shall continue to be prosecuted by the commission's legal staff until appropriate resolution. The office of the secretary of state shall be substituted as the successor agency in the case of any litigation continuing after the commission's termination.

(11) In conjunction with the office of the secretary of state, the commission may undertake projects designed to inform the citizenry of its work and the importance of redistricting in the structure of government of the state.

(12) The commission may accept funds, grants, gifts, and bequests from any lawful source, to be used for lawful commission business pursuant to this chapter.

(13) The commission may perform other tasks as prescribed by law, and undertake any activity consistent therewith that the commission deems necessary for the fair and expeditious completion of its mandate.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 27. (1) It is the responsibility of each local government and each municipal corporation with a governing body comprised of internal director districts not based on statutorily required land ownership or residency criteria to periodically redistrict its governmental unit, based on population information from the most recent federal decennial census.

(2) Within forty-five days after its receipt of federal decennial census information applicable to the specific local area, the commission or the secretary of state shall forward the census information to each local government and municipal corporation charged with redistricting under this chapter.

(3) No later than eight months after its receipt of federal decennial census data, the governing body of the municipal corporation shall prepare a plan for redistricting its internal or director districts.

(4) The plan shall be consistent with the following criteria:

(a) Each internal director district shall be as nearly equal in population to each and every other internal director district comprising the municipal corporation.

(b) Each district shall be as compact as possible.
(c) Each district shall be comprised of geographically contiguous area.

(d) Population data may not be used for purposes of favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party.

(e) To the extent feasible and if not inconsistent with the basic enabling legislation for the municipal corporation, the district boundaries shall coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and shall, to the extent possible, preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest.

(5) During the adoption of its plan, the municipal corporation shall ensure that full and reasonable public notice of its actions is provided. The municipal corporation shall hold at least one public hearing on the redistricting plan at least one week before adoption of the plan.

(6)(a) An elected official residing in an area affected by the municipal corporation's redistricting plan may request review of the adopted local plan by the voting boundary commission, within forty-five days of the plan's adoption. Any request for review must specify the reason or reasons alleged why the local plan is not consistent with the applicable redistricting criteria. The municipal corporation may be joined as respondent. The voting boundary commission shall thereupon review the challenged plan for compliance with the applicable redistricting criteria set out in section 20 of this act and subsection (4) of this section.

(b) If, within thirty days of submission of a local government plan, the commission finds the plan to be consistent with the requirements of this chapter or the commission fails to find that the plan is not consistent with the requirements of this chapter, the secretary of state shall certify the plan. A certified plan shall take effect ten days after certification.

(c) If the commission determines the plan does not meet the requirements of this chapter, in whole or in part, it shall remand the plan for further or corrective action within a specified reasonable time period.

(d) If the commission finds that any request for review is frivolous or has been filed solely for purposes of harassment or delay, it may impose appropriate sanctions on the party requesting review, including payment of attorneys' fees and costs to the respondent municipal corporation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 28. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the legislature may make minor technical amendments to the final state or congressional redistricting plan, upon a vote of a majority of legislators. Minor technical amendments are those changes in legal description, area identification, or other wording which are needed to conform the plan's language to that originally intended, as expressed during commission public hearings, maps, reports, or other public announcements. Minor technical amendments may not alter the fundamental shape or population of any district.
(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the legislature may amend the state or congressional plan, in any manner, by a vote of two-thirds of the membership of each house. Any such amendment must be consistent with the standards of section 20 of this act. No such amendment may take effect less than eight months before a regularly scheduled legislative or congressional general election in the district or districts subject to the amendment.

(3) The legislature shall ensure public notice and an adequate opportunity for public comment prior to its adoption of any amendment of any state or congressional voting boundary plan.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 29. (1) The designee of the commission shall be the secretary of state or his delegate. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to prepare minutes and official notices of the commission, to act as liaison between the commission and other governmental units as required by the commission, and to otherwise assist the commission. The secretary of state shall furnish the commission with such staff and facilities as may be necessary to fulfill its duties. The secretary of state shall submit to the governor and the legislature, by April 15 of each year, a report summarizing the nature and extent of the assistance rendered to the commission.

(2) In addition to staff support rendered by the secretary of state, the commission may retain and employ an independent general counsel to act as the chief legal officer of the commission. The commission counsel shall represent the commission in any court proceedings.

(3) Each commissioner shall be compensated for his or her services and reimbursed for expenses in the manner and amount provided for members of the state house of representatives.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 30. (1) The supreme court has original jurisdiction of any challenge to the validity of a final plan for state and congressional districts, or to a challenge to a certified local plan. The supreme court shall review and decide a challenge to any plan within ninety days after filing of an appeal.

(2) The supreme court shall review the challenged plan for consistency with constitutional requirements and the standards and criteria set forth in this chapter. The court may, if it finds a state or congressional plan invalid in whole or in part, order the commission to convene and to prepare a new plan within a specified time. In the event of the invalidity of a certified local plan, the court shall not reconvene the commission but shall require the local government to take the necessary corrective action directly.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 31. This chapter may be known and cited as the voting boundary commission act of 1982.
NEW SECTION. Sec. 32. Sections 18 through 31 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 29 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 33. If any provision of this 1982 act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 34. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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