WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Originating

House Bill 302

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[Originating in the House Redistricting Committee, October 12, 2021.]

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.