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Senator Galvano moved the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (726240)

In title, delete lines 6338 - 6666

and insert:

An act establishing the congressional districts of the state; amending s. 8.0002, F.S.; revising the state's congressional districts created by chapter 2012-2, Laws of Florida, in accordance with the United States Decennial Census of 2010 (plan H000C9057); reenacting s. 8.0111, F.S., relating to the inclusion of unlisted territory in contiguous districts; reenacting s.



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12 8.031, F.S., relating to the election of
13 representatives to the United States House of
14 Representatives; reenacting s. 8.0611, F.S., relating
15 to severability; amending s. 8.07, F.S.; providing
16 applicability; providing an effective date.
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18 WHEREAS, in chapter 2012-2, Laws of Florida, the
19 Legislature reapportioned the state's congressional districts in
20 accordance with the United States Decennial Census of 2010, and

21 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to revise the
22 boundaries of Congressional Districts 5 and 10 to conform with
23 the Final Judgment issued in *Romo v. Detzner*, consolidated case
24 Nos. 2012-CA-412 and 2012-CA-490, in the Circuit Court of the
25 Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, and to make
26 conforming changes to districts that are a direct result of the
27 changes to Congressional Districts 5 and 10, and

28 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature, where not in
29 conflict with federal law or subsection (a) of section 20 of
30 Article III of the State Constitution, to establish districts
31 that are compact and, where feasible, utilize existing political
32 and geographical boundaries, and

33 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
34 Congressional District 1, which is equal in population to other
35 districts; is compact; includes all of Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa
36 Rosa, and Walton Counties and portions of Holmes County;
37 includes all of the municipalities of Century, Cinco Bayou,
38 Crestview, DeFuniak Springs, Destin, Esto, Fort Walton Beach,
39 Freeport, Gulf Breeze, Jay, Laurel Hill, Mary Esther, Milton,
40 Niceville, Noma, Paxton, Pensacola, Ponce de Leon, Shalimar,



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41 Valparaiso, and Westville; follows the boundaries of the state
42 on the western and northern sides of the district and the Gulf
43 of Mexico on the south, and

44 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
45 Congressional District 2, which is equal in population to other
46 districts; is compact; includes all of Bay, Calhoun, Franklin,
47 Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Taylor,
48 Wakulla, and Washington Counties and portions of Holmes and
49 Madison Counties; includes all of the municipalities of Alford,
50 Altha, Apalachicola, Bascom, Blountstown, Bonifay, Bristol,
51 Callaway, Campbellton, Carrabelle, Caryville, Chattahoochee,
52 Chipley, Cottondale, Ebro, Graceville, Grand Ridge, Greensboro,
53 Greenville, Greenwood, Gretna, Havana, Jacob City, Lynn Haven,
54 Malone, Marianna, Mexico Beach, Midway, Monticello, Panama City,
55 Panama City Beach, Parker, Perry, Port St. Joe, Quincy, St.
56 Marks, Sneads, Sopchoppy, Springfield, Tallahassee, Vernon,
57 Wausau, and Wewahitchka, and

58 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
59 Congressional District 3, which is equal in population to other
60 districts; is compact; includes all of Bradford, Columbia,
61 Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee, and Union
62 Counties and portions of Alachua, Clay, Madison, and Marion
63 Counties; includes all of the municipalities of Alachua, Archer,
64 Bell, Branford, Bronson, Brooker, Cedar Key, Chiefland, Cross
65 City, Dunnellon, Fanning Springs, Fort White, Hampton, High
66 Springs, Horseshoe Beach, Inglis, Jasper, Jennings, Keystone
67 Heights, La Crosse, Lake Butler, Lake City, Lawtey, Lee, Live
68 Oak, Madison, Mayo, Micanopy, Newberry, Otter Creek, Penney
69 Farms, Raiford, Starke, Trenton, Waldo, White Springs,



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70 Williston, Worthington Springs, and Yankeetown; and uses
71 Interstate 75, State Road 200, Highway 17, and the Ocala city
72 line as portions of its eastern boundary, and

73 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
74 Congressional District 4, which is equal in population to other
75 districts; is compact; includes all of Baker and Nassau Counties
76 and portions of Duval County; includes all of the municipalities
77 of Atlantic Beach, Baldwin, Callahan, Fernandina Beach, Glen St.
78 Mary, Hilliard, Jacksonville Beach, Macclenny, and Neptune
79 Beach; and follows the boundaries of the state to the north, the
80 Atlantic Ocean to the east, and county boundaries to the west
81 and south, and

82 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
83 Congressional District 5, which is equal in population to other
84 districts; is as compact as the minority protection provisions
85 in tier 1 permit; does not deny or abridge the equal opportunity
86 of racial or language minorities to participate in the political
87 process or diminish their ability to elect representatives of
88 their choice; preserves the core of the existing district in
89 accordance with public testimony, is culturally and
90 demographically compact, and ties communities in Northeast
91 Florida of similar socioeconomic and historical characteristics;
92 includes portions of Alachua, Clay, Duval, Lake, Marion, Orange,
93 and Putnam Counties; includes all of the municipalities of
94 Eatonville, Green Cove Springs, Hawthorne, Interlachen,
95 McIntosh, Palatka, and Reddick; improves the use of existing
96 county, city, political, and geographic boundaries as compared
97 to the comparable district in the benchmark plan; and uses the
98 St. Johns River and other waterways as large portions of its



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99 eastern boundary, and

100 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
101 Congressional District 6, which is equal in population to other
102 districts; is compact; includes all of Flagler and St. Johns
103 Counties and portions of Putnam and Volusia Counties; includes
104 all of the municipalities of Beverly Beach, Bunnell, Crescent
105 City, Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach Shores, DeLand, Edgewater,
106 Flagler Beach, Hastings, Holly Hill, Lake Helen, Marineland, New
107 Smyrna Beach, Oak Hill, Ormond Beach, Palm Coast, Pierson,
108 Pomona Park, Ponce Inlet, Port Orange, St. Augustine, St.
109 Augustine Beach, South Daytona, and Welaka; and uses the St.
110 Johns County line, the Volusia County line, and the Atlantic
111 Ocean for portions of its western and eastern borders and is
112 traversed by Interstate 95, and

113 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
114 Congressional District 7, which is equal in population to other
115 districts; is compact; includes all of Seminole County and
116 portions of Orange and Volusia Counties; includes all of the
117 municipalities of Altamonte Springs, Casselberry, Deltona, Lake
118 Mary, Longwood, Maitland, Oviedo, Sanford, Winter Park, and
119 Winter Springs; follows the boundary of Seminole County along
120 much of its western and southern boundaries; is bounded on the
121 east by the Brevard County line; and is traversed by the
122 Seminole Expressway and Interstate 4, and

123 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
124 Congressional District 8, which is equal in population to other
125 districts; is compact; includes all of Brevard and Indian River
126 Counties and portions of Orange County; includes all of the
127 municipalities of Cape Canaveral, Cocoa, Cocoa Beach, Fellsmere,



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128 Grant-Valkaria, Indialantic, Indian Harbour Beach, Indian River
129 Shores, Malabar, Melbourne, Melbourne Beach, Melbourne Village,
130 Orchid, Palm Bay, Palm Shores, Rockledge, Satellite Beach,
131 Sebastian, Titusville, Vero Beach, and West Melbourne; is
132 bounded by county lines and by the Atlantic Ocean; and is
133 traversed by Interstate 95, U.S. Highway 1, and State Road A1A,
134 and

135 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
136 Congressional District 9, which is equal in population to other
137 districts; is compact; includes portions of Osceola and Orange
138 Counties; includes all of the municipalities of Belle Isle,
139 Edgewood, Kissimmee, and St. Cloud; and ties high growth central
140 Florida communities of similar language characteristics, and

141 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
142 Congressional District 10, which is equal in population to other
143 districts; is compact; includes portions of Lake, Osceola,
144 Orange, and Polk Counties; includes all of the municipalities of
145 Astatula, Auburndale, Bay Lake, Clermont, Davenport, Eustis,
146 Groveland, Haines City, Howey-in-the-Hills, Lake Alfred, Lake
147 Buena Vista, Lake Hamilton, Leesburg, Mascotte, Minneola,
148 Montverde, Mount Dora, Oakland, Polk City, Tavares, Umatilla,
149 Windermere, and Winter Garden; and is traversed by Interstate 4
150 and the Florida Turnpike, and

151 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
152 Congressional District 11, which is equal in population to other
153 districts; is compact; includes all of Citrus, Hernando, and
154 Sumter Counties and portions of Lake and Marion Counties;
155 includes all of Belleview, Brooksville, Bushnell, Center Hill,
156 Coleman, Crystal River, Fruitland Park, Inverness, Lady Lake,



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157 Ocala, Webster, Weeki Wachee, and Wildwood; and uses Interstate
158 75, State Road 200, and the Ocala city line as portions of its
159 western border, and

160 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
161 Congressional District 12, which is equal in population to other
162 districts; is compact; includes all of Pasco County and portions
163 of Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties; includes all of the
164 municipalities of Dade City, New Port Richey, Oldsmar, Port
165 Richey, St. Leo, San Antonio, Tarpon Springs, and Zephyrhills;
166 and uses the Dale Mabry Highway as portions of its eastern
167 border and is traversed by the Suncoast Parkway, Interstate 75,
168 and U.S. Highways 19 and 98, and

169 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
170 Congressional District 13, which is equal in population to other
171 districts; is compact; is wholly located in Pinellas County;
172 includes all of the municipalities of Belleair, Belleair Beach,
173 Belleair Bluffs, Belleair Shore, Clearwater, Dunedin, Gulfport,
174 Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Kenneth City, Largo, Madeira
175 Beach, North Redington Beach, Pinellas Park, Redington Beach,
176 Redington Shores, Safety Harbor, St. Pete Beach, Seminole, South
177 Pasadena, and Treasure Island; and uses the Hillsborough-
178 Pinellas border and Interstate 275 as portions of its western
179 border and follows city lines of Dunedin and Clearwater on the
180 northern border, and

181 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
182 Congressional District 14, which is equal in population to other
183 districts; complies with Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights
184 Act; does not deny or abridge the equal opportunity of racial or
185 language minorities to participate in the political process or



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186 diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice;
187 ties urban neighborhoods of similar socioeconomic
188 characteristics in the Tampa Bay area; is compact; includes
189 portions of Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties; includes
190 portions of the municipalities of St. Petersburg and Tampa; and
191 uses Interstate 75 as a portion of its eastern boundary and
192 portions of the Hillsborough-Pinellas border and Interstate 275
193 as portions of its western border, and

194 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
195 Congressional District 15, which is equal in population to other
196 districts; is compact; includes portions of Hillsborough and
197 Polk Counties; includes all of the municipalities of Bartow,
198 Lakeland, Mulberry, Plant City, and Temple Terrace; and uses the
199 Alafia River as a portion of its southern boundary, Interstate
200 75 as a portion of its western boundary, and the Lakeland,
201 Auburndale, and Bartow city lines for portions of its eastern
202 border, and

203 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
204 Congressional District 16, which is equal in population to other
205 districts; is compact; includes all of Sarasota County and
206 portions of Manatee County; includes all of the municipalities
207 of Anna Maria, Bradenton, Bradenton Beach, Holmes Beach,
208 Longboat Key, North Port, Palmetto, Sarasota, and Venice; and is
209 traversed by Interstate 75, and

210 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
211 Congressional District 17, which is equal in population to other
212 districts; is compact; includes all of Charlotte, DeSoto,
213 Glades, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties and portions
214 of Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Osceola, and Polk Counties;



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215 includes all of the municipalities of Arcadia, Avon Park,
216 Bowling Green, Dundee, Eagle Lake, Fort Meade, Frostproof,
217 Highland Park, Hillcrest Heights, Lake Placid, Lake Wales, Moore
218 Haven, Okeechobee, Punta Gorda, Sebring, Wauchula, and Zolfo
219 Springs; and uses the Alafia River and the Bartow and Dundee
220 city lines as portions of its northern border, and

221 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
222 Congressional District 18, which is equal in population to other
223 districts; is compact; includes all of Martin and St. Lucie
224 Counties and portions of Palm Beach County; includes all of the
225 municipalities of Fort Pierce, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Jupiter
226 Inlet Colony, Jupiter Island, North Palm Beach, Ocean Breeze
227 Park, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Shores, Port St. Lucie, St.
228 Lucie Village, Sewall's Point, Stuart, and Tequesta; and is
229 traversed by Interstate 95 and the Florida Turnpike, and

230 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
231 Congressional District 19, which is equal in population to other
232 districts; is compact; includes portions of Collier and Lee
233 Counties; includes all of the municipalities of Bonita Springs,
234 Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, Marco Island, Naples,
235 and Sanibel; and is traversed by Interstate 75 and the Tamiami
236 Trail, and

237 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
238 Congressional District 20, which is equal in population to other
239 districts; complies with Sections 2 and 5 of the federal Voting
240 Rights Act; does not deny or abridge the equal opportunity of
241 racial or language minorities to participate in the political
242 process or diminish their ability to elect representatives of
243 their choice; ties communities of similar socioeconomic



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244 characteristics in Broward, Palm Beach, and Hendry Counties; is
245 compact; includes portions of Broward, Hendry, and Palm Beach
246 Counties; includes all of the municipalities of Belle Glade,
247 Clewiston, Cloud Lake, Glen Ridge, Haverhill, Lake Park,
248 Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill, Loxahatchee Groves, Mangonia Park,
249 North Lauderdale, Pahokee, South Bay, and Tamarac; and uses
250 Interstate 75 as portions of its southern border and the
251 Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge as a portion of its eastern
252 border, and

253 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
254 Congressional District 21, which is equal in population to other
255 districts; is compact; includes portions of Broward and Palm
256 Beach Counties; includes all of the municipalities of Coconut
257 Creek, Coral Springs, Greenacres, Parkland, and Wellington; and
258 uses the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge as a portion of
259 its western border, the Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Boynton Beach,
260 Golf, and Palm Springs city lines for portions of its eastern
261 border, the National Wildlife Refuge as a portion of its western
262 border, and the Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, Golf,
263 and Palm Springs city lines for portions of its eastern border,
264 and

265 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
266 Congressional District 22, which is equal in population to other
267 districts; is compact; includes portions of Broward and Palm
268 Beach Counties; includes all of the municipalities of Atlantis,
269 Boca Raton, Briny Breezes, Delray Beach, Golf, Gulf Stream,
270 Highland Beach, Hillsboro Beach, Hypoluxo, Lake Clarke Shores,
271 Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Lazy Lake, Lighthouse Point, Manalapan,
272 Ocean Ridge, Palm Beach, Palm Springs, Sea Ranch Lakes, South



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273 Palm Beach, and Wilton Manors; and is traversed by Interstate 95
274 and State Road A1A, and

275 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
276 Congressional District 23, which is equal in population to other
277 districts; is compact; includes portions of Broward and Miami-
278 Dade Counties; includes all of the municipalities of Aventura,
279 Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Cooper City, Dania Beach,
280 Davie, Golden Beach, Hallandale Beach, Hollywood, Indian Creek,
281 Miami Beach, North Bay Villages, Southwest Ranches, Sunny Isles
282 Beach, Surfside, and Weston; and uses Interstate 595 as portions
283 of its northern border, and

284 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
285 Congressional District 24, which is equal in population to other
286 districts; complies with Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights
287 Act; does not deny or abridge the equal opportunity of racial or
288 language minorities to participate in the political process or
289 diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice;
290 ties urban neighborhoods of similar language, cultural, and
291 socioeconomic characteristics in Miami-Dade and south Broward
292 Counties; is compact; includes portions of Broward and Miami-
293 Dade Counties; includes all of the municipalities of Biscayne
294 Park, El Portal, Miami Gardens, Miami Shores, North Miami, North
295 Miami Beach, Opa-locka, Pembroke Park, and West Park; and is
296 traversed by Interstate 95 and the Florida Turnpike, and

297 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
298 Congressional District 25, which is equal in population to other
299 districts; complies with Sections 2 and 5 of the federal Voting
300 Rights Act; does not deny or abridge the equal opportunity of
301 racial or language minorities to participate in the political



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302 process or diminish their ability to elect representatives of
303 their choice; ties communities of similar language, cultural,
304 and socioeconomic characteristics; is compact; includes portions
305 of Broward, Collier, Hendry, and Miami-Dade Counties; includes
306 all of the municipalities of Doral, Everglades City, Hialeah
307 Gardens, LaBelle, Medley, Miami Lakes, and Sweetwater; and uses
308 the Tamiami Trail as a portion of its southern border and
309 Interstate 75 as a portion of its northern border, and

310 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
311 Congressional District 26, which is equal in population to other
312 districts; complies with Sections 2 and 5 of the federal Voting
313 Rights Act; does not deny or abridge the equal opportunity of
314 racial or language minorities to participate in the political
315 process or diminish their ability to elect representatives of
316 their choice; ties neighborhoods in western and south Miami-Dade
317 and Monroe County of similar language, cultural, and
318 socioeconomic characteristics; is compact; includes all of
319 Monroe County and portions of Miami-Dade County; includes all of
320 the municipalities of Florida City, Islamorada, Village of
321 Islands, Key Colony Beach, Key West, Layton, and Marathon; and
322 uses the Tamiami Trail as a portion of its northern border and
323 U.S. 1 as a portion of its eastern border, and

324 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish
325 Congressional District 27, which is equal in population to other
326 districts; complies with Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights
327 Act; does not deny or abridge the equal opportunity of racial or
328 language minorities to participate in the political process or
329 diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice;
330 ties neighborhoods of similar language, cultural, and



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331 socioeconomic characteristics; is compact; is wholly located in
332 Miami-Dade County; includes all of the municipalities of Coral
333 Gables, Cutler Bay, Key Biscayne, Miami Springs, Palmetto Bay,
334 Pinecrest, South Miami, Virginia Gardens, and West Miami; and
335 uses the Miami-Dade County line as a portion of its southern
336 border and U.S. 1 as a portion of its western border, NOW,
337 THEREFORE,