

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 352
INTRODUCER: Ethics and Elections and Senator Hutson
SUBJECT: Legislative Redistricting and Congressional Reapportionment
DATE: April 28, 2017

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 - 547997 – (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 deletes the underlying Senate Bill and defines “year of apportionment.” A “year of apportionment” means the second year after the decennial census and any other even-numbered year when the validity of legislative or congressional boundaries are challenged and the matter is not concluded.

This definition establishes the qualification period for congressional offices when congressional boundaries are being challenged as between noon on the 71st day and no later than noon on the 67th day before a primary election.

The amendment also permits a candidate for Congress or the State Legislature to qualify by petition in a “year of apportionment” using signatures from any registered voter in the state instead of voters within the boundaries of a specific legislative district.