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# Districts - Reapportionment

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## Private Acts of 1961 Chapter 12

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 34 of the Private Acts of 1953, entitled, "AN ACT to redistrict counties in this State with a population of not less than 16,100, nor more than 16,400, by the Federal Census of 1950, or any subsequent Federal Census, and to provide for the election of justices in such counties as are redistricted", be and the same is hereby repealed and the civil districts established as they existed prior to the enactment of the statute herein repealed.

**SECTION 2.** That there shall be fourteen civil districts. Civil district No.1, as presently constituted, shall be Civil district No.1, as redistricted. Civil districts 2, 3, and 4, as now constituted are hereby redistricted into thirteen civil districts, which shall have boundaries identical with the thirteen civil districts which were redistricted into civil districts 2, 3, and 4, by Chapter 34 of the Private Acts of 1953.

**SECTION 3.** That this Act shall have no effect unless the same shall be approved by a majority of the voters of said county voting in an election to be held for such purpose. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to certify a true and perfect copy of this Act to the County Board of Election Commissioners within twenty (20) days after its passage. Within ten (10) days after the sine die adjournment of this General Assembly, it shall be the duty of the County Board of Election Commissioners to call an election for such county to be held not less than two (2) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date of such call, for the purpose of accepting or rejecting the provisions of this Act. The ballot used in such election shall have printed thereon the title of this Act and voters shall vote for or against its adoption. The votes cast shall be canvassed by the County Board of Election Commissioners upon the first Monday occurring five (5) or more days next after the date of such election and the result shall be proclaimed by such Board and certified to the Secretary of State. The qualification of voters shall be that provided by law for participation in general elections and all laws applicable to general elections shall apply to an election held hereunder.

**SECTION 4.** That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, so far as the new districts are concerned, on and after September 1, 1962, but justices of the peace shall be elected at the August election, 1962, to fill the offices created by this redistricting of said counties. The persons so elected shall hold office until September 1, 1966, and subsequent elections shall be for the constitutional term of six years, the public welfare requiring it.

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