

1966 SPECIAL SESSION No. 2

No. 1

AN ACT

SB 1

To apportion the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania into congressional districts in conformity with constitutional requirements; and providing for the nomination and election of Congressmen.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of electing representatives of the people of Pennsylvania to serve in the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, this Commonwealth shall be divided into twenty-seven districts which shall have one Congressman each, as follows:

The First District shall consist of the third, fourth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, thirty-fourth, thirty-sixth, fortieth, forty-sixth, forty-eighth, fifty-first and sixtieth wards of the City of Philadelphia.

The Second District shall consist of the sixth, ninth, eleventh, sixteenth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-fourth, twenty-eighth, thirty-second, thirty-eighth, forty-fourth, fiftieth and fifty-second wards of the City of Philadelphia.

The Third District shall consist of the first, second, fifth, eighth, fourteenth, fifteenth, eighteenth, twentieth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-ninth and forty-seventh wards of the City of Philadelphia.

The Fourth District shall consist of the thirty-fifth, forty-first, forty-second, fifty-third, fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh, fifty-eighth, sixty-first, sixty-second, sixty-third, sixty-fourth, sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth wards of the City of Philadelphia.

The Fifth District shall consist of the seventh, tenth, twelfth, thirteenth, seventeenth, nineteenth, twenty-third, twenty-fifth, thirty-third, thirty-seventh, forty-third, forty-fifth, forty-ninth and fifty-ninth wards of the City of Philadelphia.

The Sixth District shall consist of the Counties of Schuylkill and Berks.

The Seventh District shall consist of the residue of the County of Delaware not included in the Ninth District.

The Eighth District shall consist of the County of Bucks and the Borough of Coopersburg and the Townships of Lower Milford, Upper Milford and Upper Saucon in the County of Lehigh and the Boroughs of Bryn Athyn and Hatboro and the Townships of Lower Moreland and Upper Moreland in the County of Montgomery.

The Ninth District shall consist of the County of Chester and the City of Chester, the Boroughs of Brookhaven, Chester Heights, Marcus Hook, Media, Parkside, Rose Valley, Trainer and Upland and the Townships of Aston, Bethel, Birmingham, Chester, Concord, Edgemont, Lower Chichester, Middletown, Nether Providence, Newtown,

Thornbury, Upper Chichester and Upper Providence in Delaware County.

The Tenth District shall consist of the Counties of Pike, Wayne, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Susquehanna, Sullivan, Bradford and Tioga.

The Eleventh District shall consist of the Counties of Carbon, Columbia and Luzerne.

The Twelfth District shall consist of the Counties of Juniata, Mifflin, Huntingdon, Blair, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin and Perry.

The Thirteenth District shall consist of the County of Montgomery not included in the Eighth District.

The Fourteenth District shall consist of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh wards of the City of Pittsburgh, all in the County of Allegheny.

The Fifteenth District shall consist of the Counties of Monroe and Northampton and that part of the County of Lehigh not included in the Eighth District.

The Sixteenth District shall consist of the Counties of Lancaster and Lebanon, the Boroughs of Middletown and Royalton, and the Townships of Conewago, Londonderry and Lower Swatara in Dauphin County.

The Seventeenth District shall consist of the Counties of Lycoming, Union, Snyder, Montour, Northumberland and the residue of Dauphin County not included in the Sixteenth District.

The Eighteenth District shall consist of the Boroughs of Aspinwall, Avalon, Bell Acres, Bellevue, Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, Blawnox, Brackenridge, Bradford Woods, Cheswick, Churchill, Edgewood, Edgeworth, Emsworth, Etna, Forest Hills, Fox Chapel, Franklin Park, Glenfield, Haysville, Leetsdale, Millvale, Monroeville, Oakmont, Osborne, Pitcairn, Plum, Sewickley, Sewickley Heights, Sewickley Hills, Sharpsburg, Springdale, Tarentum, Verona, West View and Wilksburg; and the Townships of Aleppo, East Deer, Fawn, Frazer, Hampton, Har-mar, Harrison, Indiana, Kilbuck, Leet, Marshall, McCandless, O'Hara, Ohio, Penn Hills, Pine, Reserve, Richland, Ross, Shaler, Springdale, West Deer and Wilks, all in the County of Allegheny.

The Nineteenth District shall consist of the Counties of Adams, Cumberland and York.

The Twentieth District shall consist of the fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth and thirty-first wards of the City of Pittsburgh; the third class Cities of Clairton, Duquesne and McKeesport; the Boroughs of Braddock, Braddock Hills, Chalfant, Dravosburg, East McKeesport, East Pittsburgh, Elizabeth, Glassport, Homestead, Liberty, Lincoln, Mount Oliver, Munhall, North Braddock, Port Vue, Rankin, Swissvale, that part of Trafford in Allegheny County, Turtle Creek, Versailles, Wall, West Homestead, West

Mifflin, Whitaker, White Oak and Wilmerding; and the Townships of Elizabeth, Forward, North Versailles and South Versailles, all in the County of Allegheny.

The Twenty-first District shall consist of the County of Westmoreland and the Townships of Bullsken and Saltlick in Fayette County.

The Twenty-second District shall consist of the Counties of Clarion, Armstrong, Indiana, Jefferson and Cambria.

The Twenty-third District shall consist of the Counties of Venango, Forest, Warren, McKean, Potter, Elk, Cameron, Clinton, Clearfield and Centre.

The Twenty-fourth District shall consist of the Counties of Erie, Crawford and Mercer.

The Twenty-fifth District shall consist of the Counties of Lawrence, Butler and Beaver.

The Twenty-sixth District shall consist of the Counties of Greene and Washington and the residue of Fayette County not included in the Twenty-first District.

The Twenty-seventh District shall consist of the nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-eighth and thirty-second wards of the City of Pittsburgh; the Boroughs of Baldwin, Bethel Park, Brentwood, Bridgeville, Carnegie, Castle Shannon, Coraopolis, Crafton, Dormont, Green Tree, Heidelberg, Ingram, Jefferson, that part of McDonald in Allegheny County, McKees Rocks, Oakdale, Pleasant Hills, Rosslyn Farms, Thornburg, West Elizabeth and Whitehall, and the Townships of Baldwin, Collier, Crescent, Findlay, Kennedy, Moon, Mount Lebanon, Neville, North Fayette, Robinson, Scott, Snowden, South Fayette, Stowe and Upper St. Clair, all in the County of Allegheny.

Section 2. The first election under this act shall be held at the primary election in the year 1966.

The members of Congress now in office shall continue in such office until the expiration of their respective terms.

Vacancies now existing or happening after the passage of this act and before the commencement of the terms of the members elected at the election of 1966 shall be ¹filled for the unexpired terms in the manner now provided by law.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, nomination petitions of candidates for the office of Representative in Congress, to be nominated at the primary election of 1966, may be circulated immediately after the effective date of this act and shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth not later than March 15, 1966, provided, that nomination petitions of candidates for nomination to said office, to represent the thirteenth, fourteenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth and twenty-seventh congressional districts as herein defined, shall be valid if circulated subsequent to the date prescribed therefor by the act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1333), known as the "Pennsylvania

¹ "filed" in original.

Election Code," or within the extended filing date as specified herein.

Section 4. No nomination papers of independent political bodies for the office of Representative in Congress for election at the general election in 1966 shall be circulated prior to March 16, 1966 nor later than March 30, 1966 which shall be the last date for filing same in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Section 5. All other matters relating to nomination petitions or nomination papers for the 1966 primary election for Representatives in Congress shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1333), known as the "Pennsylvania Election Code."

Section 6. In the event any political subdivision or part thereof in the City of Philadelphia or County of Allegheny should be omitted in the description of the congressional districts, such political subdivision or part thereof shall be included as a part of the congressional district which completely surrounds it. Should any omitted political subdivision or part thereof be not completely surrounded by one congressional district, it shall become a part of that congressional district in the City of Philadelphia or County of Allegheny to which it is contiguous, or if there are two or more such contiguous districts, it shall become a part of that congressional district contiguous thereto which is located in the City of Philadelphia or County of Allegheny and which has the least population.

Section 7. The act of January 29, 1962 (1961 P. L. 1805), entitled "An act to apportion the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania into congressional districts," is repealed, except as to the filling of vacancies under the provisions of section 2 of this act.

All other acts and parts of acts are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent herewith.

Section 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 8th day of March, A. D. 1966.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON