

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

The CS for SB 1066 creates the State Senate Redistricting Act of 2021. The measure states that the legislature determined the United States Census Bureau failed to meet the deadline to transmit the tabulations of population of the state, which necessitates the use of the best alternative population data. The measure also finds that the best available population data is United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey for 2015-2019.

The outlined Senate districts shall become operative on the 15th day following the General Election in November 2022. The State Election Board shall conduct the elections for the Senate in 2022 in accordance with the provisions of the State Senate Redistricting Act of 2021. The measure repeals the provisions of the State Senate Redistricting Act of 2011.

The measure provides that Senators elected from even-numbered districts in 2022 shall hold office until the 15th day succeeding the General Election in November 2026. Senators elected from odd-numbered districts in 2020 shall hold office until the 15th day succeeding the General Election in November 2024. Each Senate district is based on the following geography as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau: counties, tracts, blockgroups, and blocks.

The measure provides that if the State Senate Redistricting Act of 2021 and the State House of Representatives Redistricting Act of 2021 require any county election board to create precincts with no residents, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House shall adjust Senate or House district lines to prevent the creation of zero population precincts. In no case shall such an adjustment affect the total population of a Senate or House district.

Links to the proposed maps as outlined by the Census geography in the CS for SB 1066 can be found below:

[Senate Districts Statewide Map](#)

[Link to webpage with individual district maps](#)

[Interactive map of proposed districts](#)

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