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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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AND PRESIDENT BIDEN TO DIRECT THE UNITED STATES
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code § 7-2-101 establishes that Arkansas is divided
into four (4) congressional districts, and the responsibility for the
delineation of congressional districts of substantially equal population is
given to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, United States Bureau of the Census data is utilized to
determine the population of Arkansas for redistricting purposes and the
population distribution across the state; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, State Board of Apportionment, counties,
and municipalities depend on the official federal decennial census to



establish the state congressional districts, legislative districts, county voting units, and municipal wards; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, State Board of Apportionment, counties, and municipalities must establish state congressional districts, legislative districts, county voting units, and municipal wards prior to the 2022 elections; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of the Census announced that it will deliver the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data to all states by September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of the Census originally announced the redistricting data would be provided to the states by March 31, 2021, and has delayed this date multiple times; and

WHEREAS, the delay caused by the failure of the United States Bureau of the Census to deliver the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data in a timely fashion will result in financial and practical difficulties for the state; and

WHEREAS, the redistricting of United States Congressional districts, state legislative districts, county voting units, and city wards are affected by the delay and the delay in delivery of the redistricting data will potentially affect the ability of citizens to have equal representation based on population distribution,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Senate urge the United States Congress and President Biden to take action to require the United States Bureau of the Census to accelerate the delivery of the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data to ensure adequate time for the redistricting process prior to the 2022 elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be delivered to each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation.