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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to local redistricting; amending s. 3 124.01, F.S.; prohibiting the consideration of the 4 residential addresses of certain persons during the 5 district-drawing process for boards of county 6 commissioners; providing construction; creating s. 7 166.0321, F.S.; requiring municipalities to fix the boundaries of their districts in a certain manner; 8 9 specifying that district changes may be made only in odd-numbered years; prohibiting the consideration of 10 the residential addresses of certain persons during 11 12 the district-drawing process; providing construction; amending s. 1001.36, F.S.; prohibiting the 13 consideration of the residential addresses of certain 14 persons during the residence-area-drawing process for 15 16 district school boards; providing construction; 17 providing an effective date. 18 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 20 21 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 124.01, Florida 22 Statutes, is amended to read: 23 124.01 Division of counties into districts; county

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The board of county commissioners shall, from time to

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time, fix the boundaries of the county commissioners' above districts so as to keep them as nearly equal in proportion to population as practicable, possible; provided, that changes made in the boundaries of county commissioner districts pursuant to this section are shall be made only in odd-numbered years. Districts may not be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a candidate for county commission or an incumbent county commissioner based on the candidate's or incumbent's residential address. Any ordinance enacted or adopted by a county on or after July 1, 2023, which is in conflict with this subsection is void. Section 2. Section 166.0321, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 166.0321 Division of municipalities into districts.—Each municipality, shall, from time to time, fix the boundaries of its districts so as to keep them as nearly equal in proportion to their respective populations as practicable, provided that such changes are made only in odd-numbered years. Districts may not be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a candidate for member of the governing body or an incumbent member of the governing body based on the candidate's or incumbent's residential address. Any ordinance enacted or adopted by a municipality on or after July 1, 2023, which is in conflict with this section is void.

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Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1001.36, Florida

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Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.36 District school board member residence areas.-

it deems necessary in the boundaries of any district school board member residence area at any meeting of the district school board, provided that such changes are shall be made only in odd-numbered years and that no change that would affect the residence qualifications of any incumbent member disqualifies shall disqualify such incumbent member during the term for which he or she is elected. Residence areas may not be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a candidate for district school board member or an incumbent district school board member based on the candidate's or incumbent's residential address. Any resolution adopted by a district school board on or after July 1, 2023, which is in conflict with this subsection is void.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.