

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2699

BACKGROUND:

Following the 1980 federal decennial census, the Texas Legislature, during its 1981 regular session, adopted H.B. 960 which redrew the state house of representatives district lines. In June 1981, a suit was filed in state district court challenging the constitutionality of the plan on the grounds that it indiscriminately crossed county lines. The court struck the plan down and by October 1981, the Legislative Redistricting Board had created a plan for the house districts. The Justice Department issued an objection to this plan in January 1982 and in March 1982 the court adopted temporary plans to be used in the 1982 elections.

When the Legislature convened for the 68th regular session, it enacted legislation using the temporary districts created by the court. In August 1983, the Justice Department announced that there were no objections with this plan and the district court concluded the house redistricting process in January 1984 when it granted its approval for the plan.

H.B. 2699 seeks to enact new district boundary lines for house districts 115, 119, 121, and 122 in Bexar county based on the unadjusted 1990 federal decennial census in accordance with state and federal laws. This will allow current House members of the Bexar county delegation to maintain residency within their current districts. The Bexar county delegation supports H.B. 2699.

PURPOSE:

As proposed, H.B. 2699 reapportions representative districts 115, 119, 121, and 122 based on the 1990 U.S. Census Report.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS:

SECTION 1. Amends Section 115 , Article 195a-8, V.T.C.S., as follows:

Sec. 115. Adds census tract 1702 to the list of census tracts which compose representative district 115 located in Bexar County.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 119, Article 195a-8, V.T.C.S., as follows:

Sec. 119. Deletes census tract 1702 from the list of census tracts which compose representative district 119 located in Bexar County.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 121, Article 195a-8, V.T.C.S., as follows:

Sec. 121. Deletes census tract 1219 from the list of census tracts which compose representative district 121 located in Bexar County.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 122, Article 195a-8, V.T.C.S., as follows:

Sec. 122. Adds census tract 1219 to the list of census tracts which
compose representative district 122 located in Bexar County.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.