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Technical Senate District Boundary Adjustment

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill makes a technical correction to the boundary between two Utah State Senate districts, and includes the printed text of the bill and the electronic data affiliated with the text of the bill, which electronic data is available on the Legislature's website and also included on the electronic storage device accompanying this bill when presented to the governor.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ makes a technical correction in the boundary between Senate district 1 and Senate district 11;
- ▶ establishes the Senate shapefile, that is part of this bill in electronic form, as the corrected legal boundaries of the Utah State Senate districts;
 - provides a hash code to verify the authenticity of the Senate shapefile; and
 - makes technical and conforming changes.

District Boundary Information:

The boundary information for the Utah State Senate district boundaries:
is delineated in a shapefile that:

- is enacted as part of this bill in electronic form;
- may be found at: https://le.utah.gov/Session/2025/documents/SB0145_shapefile.zip;

and

- has the following electronic file hash security code:

8c43518875904b22a5f75f1a4520c48d; and

- ▶ is also depicted in a format that:

- is intended to be more accessible to the general public and is provided for informational purposes only;

- shows the boundary as delineated in the shapefile, but is not enacted as part of this bill;

and

- may be found at:

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31 <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1kRXYTRkC6ucH7L42g7LVqUGvxU45mw>.

32 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

33 None

34 **Other Special Clauses:**

35 This bill provides a special effective date.

36 This bill provides revisor instructions.

37 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

38 AMENDS:

39 **36-1-101.1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 11

40 **36-1-101.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 11

41 **36-1-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 11

42 **36-1-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 11

43 **36-1-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 11

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45 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

46 Section 1. Section **36-1-101.1** is amended to read:

47 **36-1-101.1 . Definitions.**

48 As used in this part:

49 [~~(1)~~] "~~Census block~~" means ~~any one of the 71,207 individual geographic areas into which the~~
50 ~~Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce has divided the state~~
51 ~~of Utah, to each of which the Bureau of the Census has attached a discrete population~~
52 ~~tabulation from the 2020 decennial census.]~~

53 [~~(2)~~] "~~Senate block equivalency file~~" means the electronic file designated as
54 ~~SB2006S02_BEF.txt that assigns each of Utah's 71,207 census blocks to a particular Utah~~
55 ~~State Senate district.]~~

56 [~~(3)~~] (1) "Senate shapefile" means the electronic shapefile designated as
57 SB0145_shapefile.zip that [∴]

58 [(a) is the resulting projection of the Senate block equivalency file; and]

59 [(b) stores the boundary of each of the 29 Utah State Senate districts.

60 [~~(4)~~] (2) "Shapefile" means the digital vector storage format for storing geometric location
61 and associated attribute information.

62 Section 2. Section **36-1-101.5** is amended to read:

63 **36-1-101.5 . Utah State Senate -- District boundaries.**

64 (1) The Utah State Senate shall consist of 29 members, with one member to be elected from

65 each Utah State Senate district.

66 (2) The Legislature adopts the official census population figures and maps of the Bureau of
67 the Census of the United States Department of Commerce developed in connection with
68 the taking of the 2020 national decennial census as the official data for establishing
69 Senate district boundaries.

70 (3)(a) ~~[The] Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the Legislature enacts the district numbers
71 and boundaries of the Senate districts designated in the [Senate block equivalency
72 file and resulting] Senate shapefile that is the electronic component of [Laws of Utah
73 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 11:] this bill.~~

74 ~~[(i) for purposes of nominating and electing certain members of the Utah State Senate
75 beginning January 1, 2022; and]~~

76 ~~[(ii) for all other purposes beginning January 1, 2023.]~~

77 (b) The Legislature shall ensure that the Senate ~~[shapefile, and the Senate district
78 boundaries generated from the Senate shapefile, are] shapefile is accessible on the
79 Utah Legislature's website.~~

80 Section 3. Section **36-1-102** is amended to read:

81 **36-1-102 . Election of senators -- Staggered terms.**

82 Unless otherwise provided by law, and notwithstanding Subsection 20A-1-503(3):

83 (1) voters in the following districts, as designated in the Senate ~~[block equivalency file]~~
84 shapefile, shall elect a senator for a term of four years:

85 (a) at the 2022 General Election, Senate Districts 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20,
86 21, 23, and 28; and

87 (b) at the 2024 General Election, Senate Districts 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 24, 25,
88 26, 27, and 29; and

89 (2) a senator representing a district described in Subsection (1)(b) on November 16, 2021,
90 shall represent the realigned district, if the senator resides in the realigned district, for a
91 term of office that ends January 1, 2025.

92 Section 4. Section **36-1-103** is amended to read:

93 **36-1-103 . Senate districts -- Filing -- Legal boundaries.**

94 (1)(a) The Legislature shall file a copy of the Senate ~~[block equivalency file]~~ shapefile
95 enacted by the Legislature ~~[and the resulting Senate shapefile]~~ with the lieutenant
96 governor's office.

97 (b) The legal boundaries of Senate districts are contained in the Senate shapefile on file
98 with the lieutenant governor's office.

99 (2)(a) The lieutenant governor shall:

- 100 (i) verify the Senate [~~block equivalency file~~] shapefile that the Legislature [~~filed~~] files
 101 under Subsection (1) using [~~block equivalency file security code~~
 102 "~~4dde7d733138e1360e155dfaf98a0cd5~~" and the resulting Senate shapefile] the file
 103 hash security code of "8c43518875904b22a5f75f1a4520c48d";
- 104 (ii) generate maps of each Utah State Senate district from the Senate shapefile; and
- 105 (iii) ensure that the district maps are available for viewing on the lieutenant
 106 governor's website.

107 (b) If there is any inconsistency between the district maps and the Senate shapefile[
 108 ~~resulting from the Senate block equivalency file~~], the Senate shapefile is controlling.

109 Section 5. Section **36-1-105** is amended to read:

110 **36-1-105 . Uncertain boundaries -- How resolved.**

111 (1) As used in this section:

112 (a) "Affected party" means:

- 113 (i) a senator whose Utah State Senate district boundary is uncertain because the
 114 feature used to establish the district boundary in the Senate shapefile has been
 115 removed, modified, or is unable to be identified or who is uncertain about whether
 116 the senator or another individual resides in a particular Senate district;
- 117 (ii) a candidate for senator whose Senate district boundary is uncertain because the
 118 feature used to establish the district boundary in the Senate shapefile has been
 119 removed, modified, or is unable to be identified or who is uncertain about whether
 120 the candidate or another individual resides in a particular Senate district; or
- 121 (iii) an individual who is uncertain about which Senate district contains the
 122 individual's residence because the feature used to establish the district boundary in
 123 the Senate shapefile has been removed, modified, or is unable to be identified.

124 (b) "Feature" means a geographic or other tangible or intangible mark such as a road or
 125 political subdivision boundary that is used to establish a Senate district boundary.

126 (2)(a) An affected party may file a written request petitioning the lieutenant governor to
 127 determine:

- 128 (i) the precise location of the Senate district boundary;
- 129 (ii) the number of the Senate district in which an individual resides; or
- 130 (iii) both Subsections (2)(a)(i) and (ii).

131 (b) In order to make the determination required by Subsection (2)(a), the lieutenant
 132 governor shall review:

- 133 (i) the ~~[Senate block equivalency file and the resulting]~~ Senate shapefile; and
 134 (ii) any other relevant data such as aerial photographs, aerial maps, or other data
 135 about the area.
- 136 (c) Within five days after the day on which the lieutenant governor receives the request
 137 described in Subsection (2)(a), the lieutenant governor shall:
- 138 (i) complete the review described in Subsection (2)(b); and
 139 (ii) make a determination.
- 140 (d) When the lieutenant governor determines the location of the Senate district
 141 boundary, the lieutenant governor shall:
- 142 (i) prepare a certification identifying the appropriate Senate district boundary and
 143 attaching a map, if necessary; and
 144 (ii) send a copy of the certification to:
- 145 (A) the affected party;
 146 (B) the county clerk of the affected county; and
 147 (C) the Utah Geospatial Resource Center created under Section 63A-16-505.
- 148 (e) If the lieutenant governor determines the number of the Senate district in which a
 149 particular individual resides, the lieutenant governor shall send a letter identifying
 150 that district by number to:
- 151 (i) the individual;
 152 (ii) the affected party who filed the petition, if different than the individual whose
 153 Senate district number was identified; and
 154 (iii) the county clerk of the affected county.

155 **Section 6. Effective Date.**

156 This bill takes effect:

157 (1) except as provided in Subsection (2), May 7, 2025; or

158 (2) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house:

159 (a) upon approval by the governor;

160 (b) without the governor's signature, the day following the constitutional time limit of
 161 Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or

162 (c) in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

163 **Section 7. Revisor instructions.**

164 The Legislature intends that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, in
 165 preparing the Utah Code database for publication, replace the reference in Section 36-1-101.5,
 166 from "this bill" to the bill's designated chapter number in the Laws of Utah.