

Congressional Boundaries Designation

2025 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill, which includes this printed text and the electronic data affiliated with this text that is available on the Legislature's website and also included on the electronic storage device accompanying this bill when presented to the governor, establishes new United States Congressional district boundaries for Utah while the 2021 boundaries are enjoined and Title 20A, Chapter 19, is in effect.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- adds an exception to the 2021 United States Congressional district boundaries for Utah and establishes new United States Congressional district boundaries for Utah while the 2021 boundaries are enjoined and Title 20A, Chapter 19, is in effect;
- establishes the block equivalency file that is part of this bill in electronic form as the legal boundaries of United States Congressional district boundaries for Utah while the 2021 boundaries are enjoined and Title 20A, Chapter 19, is in effect;
- provides a hash code to verify the authenticity of the block equivalency file;
- makes technical changes; and
- incorporates the following district boundary information:
 - the Congressional district boundary information may be found at https://le.utah.gov/Session/2025S1/documents/SB1012_BEf.txt ;
 - the block equivalency file is: SB1012_BEf.txt; and
 - the block equivalency file security code is: 00c65d65ecbe52d5d4b89f5daa3449a2.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-13-101.1, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 2

20A-13-101.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 18

20A-13-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 2

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

Section 1. Section **20A-13-101.1** is amended to read:

20A-13-101.1 . Definitions.

As used in this part:

- (1) "Census block" means any one of the 71,207 individual geographic areas into which the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce has divided the state of Utah, to each of which the Bureau of the Census has attached a discrete population tabulation from the 2020 decennial census.
- (2) "Congressional block equivalency file" means the electronic file that:
 - (a) assigns each of Utah's 71,207 census blocks to a particular Congressional district; and
 - (b) is designated as[-] :
 - (i) except as provided in Subsection (2)(b)(ii), HB2004_BEF.txt[-that assigns each of Utah's 71,207 census blocks to a particular Congressional district.] ; and
 - (ii) SB1012_BEF.txt only during a period in which:
 - (A) a court enjoins the electronic file described in Subsection (2)(b)(i); and
 - (B) Title 20A, Chapter 19, Utah Independent Redistricting Commission and Standards Act, is in effect.
- (3) "Congressional shapefile" means the electronic shapefile that:
 - (a) is the resulting projection of the Congressional block equivalency file; and
 - (b) stores the boundary of each of the four United States Congressional district boundaries for Utah.
- (4) "Shapefile" means the digital vector storage format for storing geometric location and associated attribute information.

Section 2. Section **20A-13-101.5** is amended to read:

20A-13-101.5 . Representatives to the United States Congress -- Four representative districts -- When elected -- District boundaries.

- (1)(a) The state of Utah is divided into four districts for the election of representatives to

the Congress of the United States, with one member to be elected from each Congressional district.

(b) At the general election to be held in 2022, and biennially thereafter, one representative from each Congressional district shall be elected to serve in the Congress of the United States.

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

(3)(a) ~~[The]~~ Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), the Legislature enacts the district numbers and boundaries of the Congressional districts designated in the Congressional block equivalency file and resulting Congressional shapefile that is the electronic component of Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 2:

(i) for purposes of nominating and electing members of the United States Congress beginning January 1, 2022; and

(ii) for all other purposes beginning January 3, 2023.

(b) Only during a period described in Subsection 20A-13-101.1(2)(b)(ii), the Legislature enacts the district numbers and boundaries of the Congressional districts designated in the Congressional block equivalency file and resulting Congressional shapefile that is the electronic component of this bill:

(i) for purposes of nominating and electing members of the United States Congress beginning January 1, 2026; and

(ii) for all other purposes beginning January 3, 2027.

~~[(b)]~~ (c) The Legislature shall ensure that the Congressional shapefile, and Congressional boundaries generated from the Congressional shapefile, are accessible on the Utah Legislature's website.

Section 3. Section **20A-13-102** is amended to read:

20A-13-102 . Congressional districts -- Filing -- Legal boundaries.

(1)(a) The Legislature shall file a copy of the Congressional block equivalency file enacted by the Legislature and the resulting Congressional shapefile with the lieutenant governor's office.

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

(2)(a) The lieutenant governor shall:

- (i) verify the Congressional block equivalency file that the Legislature files under Subsection (1) using[-] :
- (A) for the block equivalency file described in Subsection 20A-13-101.5(3)(a), block equivalency file security code "4cb8a686520fdb1c2385e0a9812ff403" and the corresponding Congressional shapefile; and
- (B) for the block equivalency file described in Subsection 20A-13-101.5(3)(b), block equivalency file security code "00c65d65ecbe52d5d4b89f5daa3449a2" and the corresponding Congressional shapefile;
- (ii) generate maps of each Congressional district from the Congressional shapefile; and
- (iii) ensure that the district maps are available for viewing on the lieutenant governor's website.
- (b) If there is any inconsistency between the district maps and the Congressional shapefile resulting from the Congressional block equivalency file, the [~~Congressional shapefile~~] block equivalency file is controlling.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This bill takes effect:

- (1) except as provided in Subsection (2), December 6, 2025; or
- (2) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house:
- (a) upon approval by the governor;
- (b) without the governor's signature, the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or
- (c) in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.