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SENATE DRS35132-ST-35 (03/10)

Short Title: NC Senate Districts.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rucho, Brock, and Brown (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA SENATORIAL DISTRICTS
FOLLOWING THE RETURN OF THE 2010 FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 120-1 is rewritten to read:

"§ 120-1. Senators.

(a) For the purpose of nominating and electing members of the Senate in 2012 and every two years thereafter, senatorial districts are established and seats in the Senate are apportioned among those districts so that each district elects one senator, and the composition of each district is as follows:

District 1:

(b) The names and boundaries of voting tabulation districts, tracts, block groups, and blocks specified in this section are as shown on the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles.

(c) If any voting tabulation district boundary is changed, that change shall not change the boundary of a senatorial district, which shall remain the same as it is depicted by the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles.

(d) If this section does not specifically assign any area within North Carolina to a district and the area is:

- (1) Entirely surrounded by a single district, the area shall be deemed to have been assigned to that district.
- (2) Contiguous to two or more districts, the area shall be deemed to have been assigned to that district which contains the least population according to the 2010 United States Census.
- (3) Contiguous to only one district and to another state or the Atlantic Ocean, the area shall be deemed to have been assigned to that district."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2012.

