

PROCLAMATION
STATE OF FLORIDA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TALLAHASSEE

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
FLORIDA SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution permits the Governor to convene the Legislature in Special Session during which only such legislative business may be transacted as is within the purview of this Proclamation, or of a communication from the Governor, or as is introduced by consent of two-thirds of the membership of each house of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution limits the duration of a Special Session to twenty (20) consecutive days; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2022, the Legislature presented to me CS/SB 102, an act relating to establishing the congressional districts of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2022, pursuant to Article III, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution, I vetoed and transmitted my objection to CS/SB 102; and

WHEREAS, redistricting is primarily the duty and responsibility of the states, *see* U.S. Const. art. I, § 4, cl. 1; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor have an obligation every ten years to redraw Florida's congressional districts consistent with the most recent decennial census, *see* 2 U.S.C. §§ 2a-2c, and the one-person, one-vote requirement of the U.S. Constitution, *see Kirkpatrick v. Preisler*, 394 U.S. 526, 530-31 (1969); and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census resulted in the apportionment to Florida of 28 representatives to the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, based on statewide population growth, the State of Florida gained an additional congressional seat when compared to the 2010 Census; and

WHEREAS, the qualifying period for election to the U.S. House of Representatives is June 13, 2022, to June 17, 2022, pursuant to Florida law; and

WHEREAS, the failure to redistrict the congressional districts of the State of Florida could result in confusion and chaos in the administration of Florida's congressional elections.

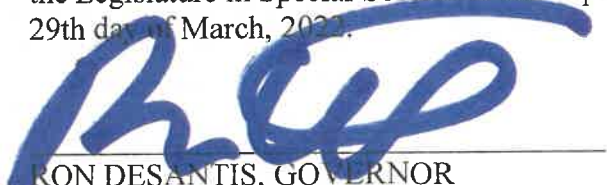
NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Article III, Section 3(c)(1) of the Florida Constitution, do hereby proclaim as follows:

Section 1. The Legislature of the State of Florida is convened in Special Session commencing at 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, 2022, and extending no later than 11:59 p.m., Friday, April 22, 2022.

Section 2. The Legislature of the State of Florida is convened in Special Session for the sole and exclusive purpose of considering legislation relating to the establishment of congressional districts for the State of Florida and any legal challenges thereto, including the appropriation of additional funding for pending and prospective redistricting litigation.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed to this Proclamation convening the Legislature in Special Session at the Capitol, this 29th day of March, 2022.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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