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Introduced by:**Referred to Committee: Blue 4****Senate Sponsor:** Logan Hansen**House Sponsor:** Drew Langer**Co-Sponsors:** Anna-Mariya Durzha**Delegation:** **Carmel Catholic High School****A BILL**

For an Act amending Article 4, Section 3, of the Illinois Constitution, relating to Legislative redistricting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

1 Section I. This amendment creates a bipartisan redistricting commission to redistrict
 2 State Assembly and Congressional district boundaries in the state of Illinois.

3 Section II. Article 4, Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution shall be struck in its
 4 entirety and replaced with the following:

5 (a) Legislative Districts shall be compact, contiguous and substantially equal
 6 in population. Representative Districts shall be compact, contiguous, and
 7 substantially equal in population.

8 (b) In the year following each Federal decennial census, a Redistricting
 9 Commission shall by law be formed to redistrict State Legislature and Federal
 10 Representative districts.

11 The Redistricting Commission shall be composed of 8 members that are not
 12 members of the General Assembly and shall be apportioned by January 31 of the
 13 year following the Federal decennial census as follows:

14 2 members chosen by the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives
 15 2 members chosen by the Minority Leader of the Illinois House of
 16 representatives
 17 2 members chosen by the President of the Illinois Senate
 18 2 members chosen by the Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate

19 All appointees must be a person who does not hold elected office in Illinois.

20 The members shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the appointing
21 authorities. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled within five days by the
22 authority that made the original appointment. A Chairman and Vice Chairman shall
23 be chosen by a majority of all members of the Commission.

24 No later than by June 30 of the year following the Federal decennial census, the
25 Redistricting Commission shall file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan
26 that has been approved by at least 5 members of the Redistricting Commission. If
27 the Redistricting Commission fails to file a redistricting plan by June 30 of that year,
28 the Illinois Supreme Court shall, by July 31 of that year, pick 2 persons, not of the
29 same political party, and 1 person who is registered to vote as an independent, and
30 transmit their names to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall, by
31 August 15, draw by random 1 of these names to serve as the 9th member of the
32 Redistricting Commission. No later than by October 5, the Redistricting Commission
33 shall submit to the Secretary of State a redistricting plan that has been approved by
34 at least 5 members of the Redistricting Commission.

35 If the Redistricting Commission of 9 members is unable to form a redistricting plan
36 that garners the support of at least 5 members, the Illinois Supreme Court shall
37 submit to the Secretary of State a redistricting plan that meets the requirements in
38 subsection (a) of this section.

39 An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed
40 valid, shall have the force and effect of law and shall be published promptly by the
41 Secretary of State.

42 The Illinois Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over actions
43 concerning redistricting the House and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name
44 of the People of the State by the Attorney General.

45 Section IV. This amendment shall go into effect on December 31, 2020 upon
46 signature of the Youth Governor of Illinois.