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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE STATUTORY CHANGES TO THE PRECINCT BOUNDARY PROGRAM TO PREPARE FOR THE UNITED STATES CENSUS FOR THE YEAR 2000 AND TO FACILITATE THE REPORTING OF ELECTION DATA TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 12A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

"ARTICLE 12A.

"PRECINCT BOUNDARIES.

"§ 163-132.1: Repealed by Session Laws 1987 (Reg. Sess., 1988), c. 1074, s. 2.

"§ 163-132.1A. Precinct boundaries for certain counties.

(a) The boundaries of precincts for the counties listed in subsection (b) of this section are those recorded in the Legislative Services Office's automated redistricting system as of May 1, 1991, except as changed in accordance with G.S. 163-132.3.

(b) This section shall apply only to the following counties: Alamance, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Chatham, Chowan, Cleveland, Craven, Cumberland, Davidson, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Henderson, Iredell, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Mecklenburg, Nash, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pender, Pitt, Randolph,

1 Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Sampson, Scotland, Surry, Union, Wake,  
2 Washington, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilson, and Yancey.

3 **"§ 163-132.2. Establishment of precinct boundaries for 1990 Census. — Precinct**  
4 **boundaries for other counties.**

5 (a) ~~The Legislative Services Office as soon as it receives the U.S. Census~~  
6 ~~Bureau's official census block maps to be used in the 1990 U.S. Census shall send the~~  
7 ~~relevant copies of those maps to county boards of elections. shall send as directed by the~~  
8 ~~schedule contained in subsection (g) of this section the relevant copies of the U.S.~~  
9 ~~Census Bureau's official census block maps of the 1990 U.S. Census to each county~~  
10 ~~board of elections. After~~ Not later than 90 days after receiving copies of those maps,  
11 the county boards of election board of elections shall:

12 (1) Alter, where necessary, precinct boundaries to be coterminous with  
13 ~~township boundaries, municipal boundaries, census block boundaries,~~  
14 ~~or a combination of those boundaries provided those of:~~

15 a. Townships, as certified by the county manager, or the chairman  
16 of the board of county commissioners if there is not a county  
17 manager, on the official map of the county;

18 b. The census blocks established under the latest U.S. Census;

19 c. Named roads and streets and drainage features of 40 feet or  
20 more in width, as certified by the North Carolina Department of  
21 Transportation on its highway maps or the planning department  
22 of the relevant county;

23 d. Municipalities, as certified by the city clerk on the official map  
24 of the city; or

25 e. A combination of these boundaries;

26 Provided that if, as a result of the alteration, the polling place is no  
27 longer in the precinct, it may continue to be the polling place as long  
28 as the lot or tract on which the polling place is situated adjoins the  
29 precinct;

30 (1a) Alter, where necessary, precinct boundaries so that each precinct is  
31 composed solely of contiguous territory, ~~except where the operation of~~  
32 ~~G.S. 163-132.5A has caused a precinct to be divided into two or more~~  
33 ~~non-contiguous areas. territory;~~

34 (2) Mark all precinct boundaries on the maps sent by the  
35 Legislative Services Office, showing the precinct boundaries in  
36 effect as of the time of marking, but with any changes effective at a  
37 later time as provided by subsection (d) of this section; and

38 (3) File at a time deemed necessary by the Executive Secretary-Director of  
39 the State Board of Elections with the State Board and the Legislative  
40 Services Office the maps identifying the precinct boundaries. The  
41 Executive Secretary-Director may require a county board of elections  
42 to file a written description of the boundaries of any precinct or part  
43 thereof.

1 ~~Provided, where a precinct boundary has been or is to be altered because of the~~  
2 ~~operation of G.S. 163-132.5A, the boundary on the map shall be shown as in effect on~~  
3 ~~the date reported through the U.S. Census Bureau's 1988 Boundary and Annexation~~  
4 ~~Survey of the underlying municipal boundary on the map, but the fact that the boundary~~  
5 ~~has been or is to be moved because of an intervening annexation shall be reported to the~~  
6 ~~Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board of Elections and Legislative Services~~  
7 ~~Office.~~

8 (b) The Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board of Elections and the  
9 Legislative Services Office shall examine the returned maps and their written  
10 descriptions. After its examination of the maps and their written descriptions, the  
11 Legislative Services Office shall submit to the Executive Secretary-Director of the State  
12 Board of Elections its opinion as to whether all ~~precinct boundaries are coterminous with~~  
13 ~~current township boundaries, current municipal boundaries, census block boundaries, or a~~  
14 ~~combination of those boundaries,~~ the county board of elections has complied with the  
15 provisions of subsection (a) of this section, with notations as to where those boundaries  
16 do not comply with these standards. If the Executive Secretary-Director of the State  
17 Board determines that all ~~precinct boundaries are coterminous with current township~~  
18 ~~boundaries, current municipal boundaries, census block boundaries, or a combination of those~~  
19 ~~boundaries,~~ the county board of elections has complied with the provisions of subsection  
20 (a) of this section, the Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board shall approve the  
21 maps and written descriptions as filed and these precincts shall be the official precincts.  
22 ~~Additionally, the Legislative Services Office shall submit to the Executive Secretary-Director~~  
23 ~~of the State Board of Elections its opinion as to whether each precinct is composed solely of~~  
24 ~~contiguous territory.~~

25 (c) If the Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board ~~does not find that the~~  
26 ~~filed precinct boundaries are coterminous with the current township boundaries, current~~  
27 ~~municipal boundaries, census block boundaries, or a combination of those boundaries,~~  
28 determines that the county board of elections has not complied with the provisions of  
29 subsection (a) of this section, he shall not approve those precinct boundaries but shall  
30 alter the precinct boundaries so that each precinct consists solely of contiguous territory  
31 and that each precinct's boundaries are coterminous with those boundaries set forth in  
32 subsection (a)(1) of this section nearest to those existing precinct boundaries. ~~to be~~  
33 ~~coterminous with the census block boundaries, municipal boundaries or township~~  
34 ~~boundaries nearest to those existing precinct boundaries and these~~ These altered  
35 precincts shall then be the official precincts. ~~If the Executive Secretary-Director of the~~  
36 ~~State Board finds that a precinct does not consist solely of contiguous territory, he shall~~  
37 ~~alter the precinct boundary so that it consists solely of contiguous territory, except~~  
38 ~~where the non-contiguity is caused by the operation of G.S. 163-132.5A.~~

39 (d) The changes in precinct boundaries under subsections (b) and (c) of this  
40 section shall be made effective not later than January 1, ~~1992-1997;~~ unless the change  
41 would result in placing a precinct in more than one State House of Representatives,  
42 State Senate, or Congressional district, in which case it shall be made effective not later  
43 than January 1, 2002.

1 (e) After the Executive Secretary Director of the State Board approves or alters  
2 the precincts filed by the county boards and before January 2, 1990, no county board of  
3 elections may establish, alter, discontinue, or create any precinct except for the  
4 following:

- 5 (1) Changes resulting from G.S. 163-132.5A;
- 6 (2) Division of one precinct into two or more precincts; or
- 7 (3) ~~With the consent of the Executive Secretary Director of the State~~  
8 ~~Board of Elections, changes of boundaries that the U.S. Census Bureau~~  
9 ~~has identified for the Legislative Services Office as not being~~  
10 ~~coterminous with census block boundaries, township boundaries,~~  
11 ~~municipal boundaries, or a combination of these boundaries, provided~~  
12 ~~that the boundaries are made so coterminous. The Executive~~  
13 ~~Secretary Director shall consult with the Legislative Services Office~~  
14 ~~prior to consenting to precinct changes under this subdivision.~~

15 (f) ~~The State shall request that the U.S. Census Bureau provide summaries of~~  
16 ~~census data by precinct, and shall participate in the 1990 Census Redistricting Data~~  
17 ~~Program. When the State files with the Census Bureau precinct maps, those boundaries~~  
18 ~~shall be those effective at the date of submission, but with any change with a postponed~~  
19 ~~effective date made under subsection (d) of this section or made under G.S. 163-~~  
20 ~~132.5A. In any case where the precinct includes non-contiguous portions because of the~~  
21 ~~operation of G.S. 163-132.5A, the Executive Secretary Director of the State Board of~~  
22 ~~Elections shall designate those areas for census data purposes as separate precincts.~~

23 (g) The Legislative Services Office shall send maps, under subsection (a) of this  
24 section, to the counties named below by the dates indicated:

- 25 (1) Maps to be sent not later than January 1, 1993, to the following  
26 counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Beaufort,  
27 Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Currituck,  
28 Cherokee, Clay, Franklin, Gates, and Hoke;
- 29 (2) Maps to be sent not later than January 1, 1994, to the following  
30 counties: Columbus, Dare, Davie, Graham, Haywood, Hertford, Hyde,  
31 Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Martin, Mitchell, Montgomery,  
32 Northampton, and Pasquotank; and
- 33 (3) Maps to be sent not later than January 1, 1995, to the following  
34 counties: Macon, McDowell, Moore, Pamlico, Perquimans, Person,  
35 Polk, Rutherford, Stanly, Stokes, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Vance,  
36 Warren, and Yadkin.

37 (h) This section shall apply only to the following counties: Alexander,  
38 Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden,  
39 Carteret, Caswell, Cherokee, Clay, Columbus, Currituck, Dare, Davie, Franklin, Gates,  
40 Graham, Greene, Haywood, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, Macon,  
41 Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Northampton, Pamlico,  
42 Pasquotank, Perquimans, Person, Polk, Rutherford, Stanly, Stokes, Swain,  
43 Transylvania, Tyrrell, Vance, Warren, Watauga, and Yadkin.

1 "§ 163-132.3. Alterations to ~~precinct boundaries after January 1, 1990.~~ approved  
2 precinct boundaries.

3 (a) No county board of elections of a county listed in G.S. 163-132.1A (b), after  
4 January 1, 1990, and no county board of elections of a county listed in G.S. 163-  
5 132.2(h), after its precinct boundaries are approved pursuant to G.S. 163-132.2, may  
6 change any precinct boundary unless the proposed new precinct consists solely of  
7 contiguous territory and its new boundaries are coterminous with those of:

- 8 (1) Townships, municipalities, ~~Townships,~~ as certified by the county  
9 manager, or the chairman of the board of county commissioners if  
10 there is not a county manager, on the official map of the county; the  
11 (2) The census blocks established under the latest U.S. Census, or Census;  
12 (3) Named roads and streets and drainage features of 40 feet or more in  
13 width, as certified by the North Carolina Department of Transportation  
14 on its highway maps or the planning department of the relevant  
15 county;  
16 (4) Municipalities, as certified by the city clerk on the official map of the  
17 city; or  
18 (5) a combination of these boundaries.

19 The county boards of elections shall report precinct boundary changes by filing with  
20 the ~~Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board-Legislative Services Office~~ on current  
21 official census maps or maps certified by the North Carolina Department of  
22 Transportation or the county's planning department the new boundaries of these  
23 precincts. The Executive Secretary-Director may require a county board of elections to  
24 file a written description of the boundaries of any precinct or part thereof. No newly  
25 created or altered precinct boundary ~~occurring after January 1, 1990,~~ is effective until  
26 approved by the Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board as being ~~coterminous~~  
27 ~~with the boundaries of townships, municipalities, census blocks established by the then latest~~  
28 ~~U.S. Census, or a combination of those boundaries.~~ in compliance with this subsection.

29 (b) The Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board of Elections and the  
30 Legislative Services Office shall examine the maps of the proposed new or altered  
31 precincts and any required written descriptions. After its examination of the maps and  
32 their written descriptions, the Legislative Services Office shall submit to the Executive  
33 Secretary-Director of the State Board of Elections its opinion as to whether all of the  
34 proposed precinct boundaries are in compliance with subsection (a) of this section, with  
35 notations as to where those boundaries do not comply with these standards. If the  
36 Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board determines that all precinct boundaries  
37 are in compliance with this section, the Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board  
38 shall approve the maps and written descriptions as filed and these precincts shall be the  
39 official precincts.

40 (c) If the Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board determines that the  
41 proposed precinct boundaries are not in compliance with subsection (a) of this section,  
42 he shall not approve those precinct boundaries. He shall notify the county board of  
43 elections of his disapproval specifying the reasons. The county board of elections may

1 then resubmit new precinct maps and written descriptions to cure the reasons for their  
2 disapproval.

3 **"§ 163-132.4. Directives.**

4 The Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board of Elections may promulgate  
5 directives concerning its duties and those of the county boards of elections under this  
6 Article.

7 **"§ 163-132.5. Cooperation of State and local agencies.**

8 The State Budget Office, the Department of Transportation and county and  
9 municipal planning departments shall cooperate and assist the Legislative Services  
10 Office, the Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board of Elections and the county  
11 boards of elections in the implementation of this Article.

12 ~~**"§ 163-132.5A. Precinct boundaries.**~~

13 ~~(a) Whenever an annexation ordinance adopted under Parts 1, 2, or 3 of Article~~  
14 ~~4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or a local act of the General Assembly~~  
15 ~~annexing property to a municipality, becomes effective during the period beginning~~  
16 ~~with the date of the annexation as reported through the U.S. Census Bureau's 1988~~  
17 ~~Boundary and Annexation Survey and ending October 31, 1989, and any part of the~~  
18 ~~boundary of the area being annexed which is actually contiguous to the city is also a~~  
19 ~~precinct boundary for elections administered by the county board of elections then the~~  
20 ~~annexed area is automatically moved into the 'city precinct', provided that if the~~  
21 ~~annexed area is adjacent to more than one city precinct, the board of elections shall~~  
22 ~~place the area in any one or more of the adjacent city precincts. The county board of~~  
23 ~~elections may delay the effective date of any change under this subsection to a date not~~  
24 ~~later than January 1, 1992.~~

25 (b) Repealed by Session Laws 1989, c. 770, s. 75.3. (1987, c. 715, s. 4; 1987  
26 (Reg. Sess., 1988), c. 1074, s. 2; 1989, c. 440, s. 3, c. 770, s. 75.3.)

27 **"§ 163-132.5B. Exemption from Administrative Procedure Act.**

28 The State Board of Elections is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 150B of the  
29 General Statutes while acting under the authority of this Article. Appeals from a final  
30 decision of the Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board of Elections under this  
31 Article shall be taken to the State Board of Elections within 30 days of that decision.  
32 The State Board shall approve, disapprove or modify the Executive Secretary's decision  
33 within 30 days of receipt of notice of appeal. Failure of the State Board to act within 30  
34 days of receipt of notice of appeal shall constitute a final decision approving that of the  
35 Executive Secretary. Appeals from a final decision of the State Board under this Article  
36 shall be taken to the Superior Court of Wake County.

37 **"§ 163-132.5C. Local acts and township lines.**

38 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any local act, a county board of elections  
39 need not have the approval of any other county board or commission to make precinct  
40 boundary changes required by this Article.

41 (b) Notwithstanding G.S. 163-128, precinct boundaries established, retained or  
42 changed under this Article, or changed to follow a district line where a precinct has been  
43 divided in a districting plan, may cross township lines.

44 **"§ 163-132.5D. Retention of precinct maps.**

1        The Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board of Elections shall retain the  
2 maps and written descriptions which he approves pursuant to G.S. 163-132.3.

3 **"§ 163-132.5E. Precinct maps and voter statistics filed with the Legislative**  
4 **Services Office.**

5        (a) No later than January 31 of each year, the chairman of each county board of  
6 elections shall file with the Legislative Services Office a map showing the county's  
7 precincts as of January 1 of that year.

8        (b) Not later than January 31 of each year, the chair of each county board of  
9 elections shall file with the Legislative Services Office a list of each precinct in the  
10 county as of January 1 of that year and the number of registered voters, in each precinct,  
11 by political party and race; and, no later than January 31 of each year beginning in 1996,  
12 with a numerical breakdown as to the race of registered voters of each political party.

13        (c) The Legislative Services Office shall develop and send by mail to each  
14 county board of elections by September 15 of each year a standard electronic data  
15 format that can be used in the following year by county boards of election as an  
16 alternative method of filing the list required by subsection (b) of this section. The  
17 standard electronic data format shall be for data provided in international standard  
18 ASCII file format on 9-track magnetic tape, 8-millimeter magnetic tape, 5 1/4 inch  
19 diskettes, or 3 1/2 inch diskettes. The standard electronic data format shall contain the  
20 name of the precinct, and for each precinct the total number of registered voters, the  
21 number of registered voters by party affiliation, the number of registered voters by race,  
22 and a numerical breakdown as to the race of registered voters in each political party.

23 **"§ 163-132.5F. U.S. Census data by precinct.**

24        The State shall request the U.S. Census Bureau for each decennial census to provide  
25 summaries of census data by precinct and shall participate in any U.S. Bureau of the  
26 Census' program to effectuate this provision.

27 ~~"§ 163t **This Article applies only to counties with a population of 55,000 or over,**~~  
28 ~~**according to the 1980 decennial federal census and to any other county**~~  
29 ~~**whose board of elections adopts not later than October 1, 1988, a**~~  
30 ~~**resolution indicating a desire to participate in the program established**~~  
31 ~~**by this Article, which resolution shall only become effective if received by**~~  
32 ~~**the Executive Secretary-Director and approved by him on or before**~~  
33 ~~**October 15, 1988. The Executive Secretary-Director shall approve the**~~  
34 ~~**resolution if, after consultation with the Legislative Services Office, he**~~  
35 ~~**determines that available resources exist to map the precincts of the**~~  
36 ~~**county applying while doing the work for the mandated counties. A**~~  
37 ~~**county approved to participate in the program may discontinue its**~~  
38 ~~**participation if it so indicates by a resolution received by the Executive**~~  
39 ~~**Secretary-Director on or before February 1, 1989. Counties voluntarily**~~  
40 ~~**participating in this Article are bound by all the provisions of this**~~  
41 ~~**Article.**~~

42 **"§§ 163-133, 163-134: Reserved for future codification purposes."**

43        Sec. 2. G.S. 163-192 reads as rewritten:

1 **"§ 163-192. State Board of Elections to prepare abstracts and declare results of**  
2 **primaries and elections.**

3 (a) After Primary. – At the conclusion of its canvass of the primary election, the  
4 State Board of Elections shall prepare separate abstracts of the votes cast:

- 5 (1) For Governor and all State officers, justices of the Supreme Court,  
6 judges of the Court of Appeals, judges of the superior court, and  
7 United States Senators.
- 8 (2) For members of the United States House of Representatives for the  
9 several congressional districts in the State.
- 10 (3) For district court judges for the several district court districts in the  
11 State.
- 12 (4) For district attorney in the several prosecutorial districts in the State.
- 13 (5) For State Senators in the several senatorial districts in the State  
14 composed of more than one county.
- 15 (6) For members of the State House of Representatives in the several  
16 representative districts in the State composed of more than one county.

17 Abstracts prepared by the State Board of Elections under this subsection shall state  
18 the total number of votes cast for each candidate of each political party for each of the  
19 various offices canvassed by the State Board of Elections. They shall also state the  
20 name or names of the person or persons whom the State Board of Elections shall  
21 ascertain and judicially determine by the count to be nominated for each office.

22 Abstracts prepared under this subsection shall be signed by the members of the State  
23 Board of Elections in their official capacity and shall have the great seal of the State  
24 affixed thereto.

25 (b) After General Election. – At the conclusion of its canvass of the general  
26 election, the State Board of Elections shall prepare abstracts of the votes cast:

- 27 (1) For President and Vice-President of the United States, when an  
28 election is held for those offices.
- 29 (2) For Governor and all State officers, justices of the Supreme Court,  
30 judges of the Court of Appeals, judges of the superior court, and  
31 United States Senators.
- 32 (3) For members of the United States House of Representatives for the  
33 several congressional districts in the State.
- 34 (4) For district court judges for the several district court district as defined  
35 in G.S. 7A-133 in the State.
- 36 (5) For district attorney in the several prosecutorial districts in the State.
- 37 (6) For State Senators in the several senatorial districts in the State  
38 composed of more than one county.
- 39 (7) For members of the State House of Representatives in the several  
40 representative districts in the State composed of more than one county.
- 41 (8) For and against any constitutional amendments or propositions  
42 submitted to the people.

43 Abstracts prepared by the State Board of Elections under this subsection shall state  
44 the names of all persons voted for, the office for which each received votes, and the



1 number of legal ballots cast for each candidate for each office canvassed by the State  
2 Board of Elections. They shall also state the name or names of the person or persons  
3 whom the State Board of Elections shall ascertain and judicially determine by the count  
4 to be elected to each office.

5 Abstracts prepared under this subsection shall be signed by the members of the State  
6 Board of Elections in their official capacity and shall have the great seal of the State  
7 affixed thereto.

8 (c) Disposition of Abstracts of Returns. – The State Board of Elections shall file  
9 with the Secretary of State the original abstracts of returns prepared by it under the  
10 provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, and also the duplicate county  
11 abstracts transmitted to the State Board of Elections under the provisions of G.S. 163-  
12 177. Upon the request of the Legislative Services Office, the Secretary of State shall  
13 submit a copy of the original abstracts to that Office."

14 Sec. 3. The Legislative Services Commission may use funds otherwise  
15 available to implement the provisions of Section 1 of this act for which the Legislative  
16 Services Office is responsible.

17 Sec. 4. G.S. 163-195 reads as rewritten:

18 **"§ 163-195. Secretary of State to record abstracts and general election results.**

19 (a) The Secretary of State shall record the State, district, and county abstracts  
20 filed with him by the State Board of Elections in a book to be kept by him for that  
21 purpose.

22 (b) Within seven days after the county board of elections meets to canvass the  
23 returns for the general election, the chairman of that board shall mail, or otherwise  
24 deliver, to the Secretary of State results of elections for:

25 President and Vice President of the United States

26 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and all other State executive officers

27 United States Senators

28 Members of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress

29 Justices, Judges, and District Attorneys of the General Court of Justice

30 State Senators

31 Members of the State House of Representatives

32 Constitutional amendments and propositions submitted to the voters of the  
33 State.

34 The chairman shall deliver the results in a format prescribed by the Secretary of  
35 State. The chairman shall use the same format to amend the results to reflect any  
36 recounts or changes in the data that he learns of later after the initial results are sent in.  
37 In prescribing the format for any county, the Secretary of State shall, to the extent  
38 practicable, work within the limits of that county's existing reporting system.

39 The Secretary of State shall compile the results he receives in a document and  
40 deliver copies to the State Senate and the State House of Representatives within 90 days  
41 after the general election. The Secretary of State shall amend the document to correct  
42 any inaccuracies that later counts reveal in the data, and shall provide the House and  
43 Senate with the corrected data."

1           Sec. 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 163-132.3, as amended by  
2 Section 1 of this act, the validity of the boundaries of a precinct of a county subject to  
3 G.S. 163-132.1A which consists of noncontiguous territory as of January 1, 1992, shall  
4 not be affected by the provisions of G.S. 163-132.3; provided, however, that any change  
5 to the boundaries of that precinct after that date shall be subject to G.S. 163-132.3, as  
6 amended by this act. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, not later than January 1,  
7 1997, the relevant county board of elections shall change any nonconforming precinct to  
8 eliminate noncontiguous territory in a precinct.

9           Sec. 6. This act becomes effective July 1, 1992.