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1		AN ACT relating to legislative redistricting challenges and declaring an emergency.
2	Be it	enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:
3		→ Section 1. KRS 5.005 is amended to read as follows:
4	(1)	An action challenging the constitutionality of any legislative district created by this
5		chapter shall be brought in the Circuit Court of the county where the plaintiff
6		<u>resides</u> [before a Circuit Court panel of three (3) judges, as convened pursuant to
7		this section, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction in all matters relating to
8		redistricting].
9	(2)	The Secretary of State shall be named as a defendant in any action challenging the
10		constitutionality of any legislative district created by this chapter.
11	(3)	The Legislative Research Commission may intervene as a matter of right in any
12		action challenging the constitutionality of any legislative district created by this
13		chapter.
14	[(4)	(a) Petitions to challenge the constitutionality of any legislative district created by
15		this chapter may be filed with the Circuit Court clerk in the judicial circuit
16		where the petitioner resides.
17		(b) The circuit clerk shall at once certify the challenge to the Chief Justice of the
18		Kentucky Supreme Court. Within twenty (20) days of the certification, the
19		Chief Justice shall randomly select three (3) current or retired Circuit Judges
20		to convene as a panel. No judge serving on the panel shall be from the same
21		Supreme Court district as any other judge serving on the panel.
22		(c) Any judge selected for the panel shall have all the powers and responsibilities
23		of a regular judge of the court. In addition, one (1) of the randomly selected
24		judges shall be named by the Chief Justice as the chief judge for the panel.
25		(d) 1. The chief judge may grant a temporary restraining order on a specific
26		finding, based on evidence submitted, that specified irreparable damage
27		will result if the order is not granted. The order shall remain in force

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I	only until the full panel hears and determines any petition for a
2	preliminary injunction.
3	2. Any action of a single judge pursuant to this section may be reviewed by
4	the full panel at any time before a final judgment is issued in the
5	challenge for which the panel was convened.
6	(e) 1. The challenge shall be heard and any orders shall be entered in the
7	judicial circuit in which the petition was filed.
8	2. If subsequent challenges to the same legislative redistricting plan are
9	filed in the same or any other Circuit Court while the initial challenge is
10	pending, the challenges shall be consolidated and tried together.
11	(f) The panel shall decide the challenge by concurring vote of a majority of its
12	judges, and the decision shall be subject to the same rights of appeal as in
13	other civil actions.
14	(g) A retired justice or judge serving on a panel convened under this section shall
15	be compensated as provided by KRS 21A.110.]
16	→ Section 2. Whereas a legislative redistricting plan is constitutionally required to
17	be enacted in the 2022 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, an emergency
18	is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the
19	Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

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