

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
Case No. SC22-131

IN RE: JOINT RESOLUTION OF
LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT

PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

Pursuant to Article III, Section 16(c) of the Florida Constitution, Attorney General Ashley Moody petitions this Court for a declaratory judgment to determine the validity of Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 100, which apportions the Florida House of Representatives and Senate based on the population figures established in the 2020 census. In support of this petition, the Attorney General alleges:

1. This Court has jurisdiction to review the constitutionality of SJR 100 pursuant to the provisions of Article III, Section 16 of the Florida Constitution.

2. The Attorney General is the State's chief legal officer and has standing to bring this petition pursuant to Article III, Section 16(c), which provides:

JUDICIAL REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT. Within fifteen days after the passage of the joint resolution of apportionment, the attorney general shall petition

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the supreme court of the state for a declaratory judgment determining the validity of the apportionment. The supreme court, in accordance with its rules, shall permit adversary interests to present their views and, within thirty days from the filing of the petition, shall enter its judgment.

3. On February 3, 2022, during the regular legislative session, the Legislature passed SJR 100, the joint resolution of apportionment.

4. The Attorney General, consistent with this Court's January 31 Order and in accordance with the requirements of Article III, Section 16(c), hereby submits SJR 100 with the Florida Legislature's plans for apportioning the House and Senate. A copy of SJR 100 is provided in the attached Appendix as Tab A.

5. Also included in the Appendix, per this Court's order, are a description of the software used and data relied upon, maps and plans for the current and newly created districts, statistical reports, and other relevant information. Apportionment plans for the current and newly created districts will also be filed in .doj format.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic service through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal this 9th day of February, 2022.

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