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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

Check all that apply:

Original  Amendment \_\_\_\_\_  
Correction \_\_\_\_\_ Substitute \_\_\_\_\_

Date Prepared 01/23/2025

Bill Number: HOUSE BILL 121

Sponsor: Cates  
Short COUNTY REDISTRICTING  
Title: ACT

Agency Name  
and Code DFA-341  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

House Bill 121 proposes new legislation to the “County Redistricting Act” requiring counties to create a county redistricting commission. This commission will establish requirements for creating county district plans and public participation in the process. The bill mandates the number of commission members to five and includes requirements and qualifications for commission members (Section 3; A through D; Section 4; A through B).

The bill outlines the commissions powers and duties. Commission will create plans composed of single-member districts; contiguous territory, comply with all applicable federal laws.

Commission shall use most recent federal decennial census data provided by United States Census Bureau and other reliable sources of demographic data for redistricting purposes.

- Commission shall create districts that are as close to equal in population as possible; deviation from equal population across districts shall not exceed plus or minus five percent.
- Compliance with federal law to include consideration of tribal government boundaries.
- Avoidance of fragmenting governmental sub-divisions.
- Preservation of core of existing districts – district plan meets all other requirements.
- District plan will satisfy all requirements; commission will adopt plans that are compact, determined by measure of length-wide compactness or perimeter compactness.
- Commission will adopt district plan at open meeting.
- Commission shall deliver adopted district plan for county to the County Clerk and Secretary of State
- District plans shall be used in next general election and subsequent elections until redistricting occurs following the next decennial census.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Fiscal impact will include commission members receiving per diem and mileage for all meetings regarding redistricting county. The cost of per diem and mileage for commission members will be borne by the county, which will be required to budget this cost each year in the county’s yearly budget.

There is not fiscal impact to DFA or the state.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Any legal challenges of the adopted commission plans shall not be delivered to the secretary of

state or the county clerk until all legal challenges are resolved.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

**ALTERNATIVES**

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

**AMENDMENTS**