BILL NUMBER:

SPONSOR:

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the state law, in relation to establishing assembly districts; and to repeal article 8 of such law relating thereto

PURPOSE :

The purpose of this bill is to establish 150 Assembly districts in New York State in accordance with a court order. (Paul Nichols et al v. Governor Kathy Hochul et al.)

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

This bill repeals the existing Article 8 of State Law and adds a new Article 8 establishing new boundaries for New York State's 150 Assembly districts.

Vacancies in the office of Assembly shall be filled using the boundaries existing prior to this bill's enactment through January 1, 2025, at which time vacancies shall be filled using the new boundaries established by this act.

JUSTIFICATION:

On September 29, 2022, The Honorable Justice Laurence L. Love of the New York State Supreme Court of New York County ordered that the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission shall prepare the redistricting plan to establish assembly districts and shall submit to the legislature such plan and the implementing legislation therefor on or before April 28, 2023.

This bill establishes new legislative districts for the State Assembly. The districts are based on population figures from the 2020 Federal Census, in accordance with present law regarding prisoner allocation. All districts comply with the United States and New York State Constitutions as well as the requirements of the Federal Voting Rights Act.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

New bill.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the provisions of section four of this act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.