

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senator Gelber moved the following:

Senate Amendment

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population. Districts shall not be drawn with intent to favor or disfavor incumbents or political parties. District boundaries and plans shall be drawn in a manner that respects communities of common interests other than political parties and that does not deny citizen rights to express favor or disfavor for incumbents or political parties. District boundaries and plans shall be drawn in a manner that does not deny or diminish opportunities for racial or language minorities to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice.

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The legislature shall balance and apply standards in this constitution to establish senatorial, representative, and congressional districts, giving priority to the standards in this section. District boundaries or plans are valid if drawn in a manner that is rationally related to the standards in this constitution and consistent with federal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE III, SECTION 20

STANDARDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.—Contiguous single-member districts shall be drawn to: (1) equalize population, (2) not to favor or disfavor incumbents or political parties (3) respect communities of common interests, (4) not deny citizen rights to express favor or disfavor for incumbents or political parties, and (5) not deny or diminish opportunities for racial or