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Senator Gelber moved the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (216322) (with ballot**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete lines 6 - 23

5 and insert:

6 congressional district boundaries.—In establishing congressional  
7 and legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall  
8 apply federal requirements and balance and implement the  
9 standards in this constitution. Districts shall not be drawn  
10 with intent to favor or disfavor incumbents or political  
11 parties. The state shall take into consideration the ability of  
12 racial and language minorities to participate in the political  
13 process and elect candidates of their choice, and communities of



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14 common interest other than political parties may be respected  
15 and promoted, both without subordination to any other provision  
16 of this article. Districts and plans are valid if the balancing  
17 and implementation of standards is rationally related to the  
18 standards contained in this constitution and is consistent with  
19 federal law.

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21 ===== B A L L O T S T A T E M E N T A M E N D M E N T =====

22 And the ballot statement is amended as follows:

23 Delete lines 29 - 40

24 and insert:

25 STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE AND  
26 CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.—In establishing congressional and  
27 legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall apply  
28 federal requirements and balance and implement the standards in  
29 the State Constitution. Districts may not be drawn with intent  
30 to favor or disfavor incumbents or political parties. The state  
31 shall take into consideration the ability of racial and language  
32 minorities to participate in the political process and elect  
33 candidates of their choice, and communities of common interest  
34 other than political parties may be respected and promoted, both  
35 without subordination to any other provision of Article III of  
36 the State Constitution. Districts and plans are valid if the  
37 balancing and implementation of standards is rationally related  
38 to the standards contained in the State Constitution and is  
39 consistent with federal law.