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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Gelber moved the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (112956) (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. District boundaries shall,
10 wherever feasible, follow existing city, county, or other
11 political or geographical boundaries. The state shall take into
12 consideration the ability of racial and language minorities to
13 participate in the political process and elect candidates of



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14 their choice, and communities of common interest other than
15 political parties may be respected and promoted, both without
16 subordination to any other provision of this article. Districts
17 and plans are valid if the balancing and implementation of
18 standards is rationally related to the standards contained in
19 this constitution and is consistent with 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 shall, wherever feasible,
30 follow existing city, county, or other political or geographical
31 boundaries, whenever feasible. The state shall take into
32 consideration the ability of racial and language minorities to
33 participate in the political process and elect candidates of
34 their choice, and communities of common interest other than
35 political parties may be respected and promoted, both without
36 subordination to any other provision of Article III of the State
37 Constitution. Districts and plans are valid if the balancing and
38 implementation of standards is rationally related to the
39 standards contained in the State Constitution and is consistent
40 with federal law.