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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Hutson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 44 - 87

and insert:

(1) If a challenge to the validity of boundaries of senatorial, representative, or congressional districts of the state is still pending in court when the qualifying period for persons seeking nomination or election to state or multicounty district office, other than the office of state attorney or the public defender, begins pursuant to s. 99.061(1), candidate



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11 qualifying, nomination, and election for the offices in the plan  
12 subject to the challenge must proceed using the districts that  
13 are in place on the 71st day before the primary election. If a  
14 court orders revisions to senatorial, representative, or  
15 congressional districts on or after the 71st day before the  
16 primary election, the revised districts shall govern beginning  
17 with the subsequent primary and general elections in the next  
18 even-numbered year.

19 (2) If a court orders revisions to congressional districts  
20 after the qualifying period for persons seeking nomination or  
21 election to federal office has concluded at noon of the 116th  
22 day before the primary election, candidates for the United  
23 States House of Representatives must requalify in accordance  
24 with the revised congressional districts during the qualifying  
25 period from noon on the 71st day before the primary election to  
26 noon on the 67th day before the primary election.

27 (3) In the event that a court drafts a remedial  
28 redistricting plan as a result of a successful challenge to the  
29 validity of boundaries of senatorial, representative, or  
30 congressional districts, the court is encouraged to use the  
31 following procedures in drafting the remedial plan in order to  
32 maintain public oversight:

33 (a) Conduct public hearings on proposed configurations of  
34 district boundaries in the remedial plan.

35 (b) Record and maintain minutes of meetings on the remedial  
36 plan which are closed to the public.

37 (c) Provide a mechanism for the public to submit and  
38 comment on alternative maps.

39 (d) Offer an opportunity for the public to review and



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40 comment on any proposed map before the remedial plan is  
41 finalized.

42 (e) Maintain all e-mails and documents related to the  
43 drafting of the remedial plan.

44 (4) This section does not supersede or impair the

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46 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

47 And the title is amended as follows:

48 Delete lines 4 - 9

49 and insert:

50 F.S.; providing that candidate qualifying, nomination,  
51 and election for certain offices must proceed using  
52 current district boundaries if revisions to districts  
53 subject to a court challenge are not made as