

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senator Lawson moved the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (216322) (with ballot amendment)

Delete lines 12 - 23

and insert:

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manner that respects communities of common interests. No apportionment plan or district shall be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or an incumbent. 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, shall be compact, and where feasible, shall utilize existing political and geographical boundaries. The



legislature shall balance and apply standards in this constitution to establish senatorial, representative, and congressional districts.

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> ===== BALLOT STATEMENT AMENDMENT ===== And the ballot statement is amended as follows:

Delete lines 32 - 40

and insert:

communities of common interests, (3) not favor or disfavor any incumbents or political parties, (4) not deny or diminish opportunities for racial or language minorities to participate in the political process and elect candidates that they choose, and (5) utilize existing political and geographical boundaries where feasible. Giving priority to these requirements, the Legislature shall balance and apply all constitutional standards to establish senatorial, representative, and congressional districts.