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CHAMBER ACTION

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Representative Hukill offered the following:

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Amendment (with ballot amendment)

Remove lines 16-28 and insert:

SECTION 20. Standards for establishing legislative and congressional district boundaries.—The legislature shall establish contiguous single-member senatorial districts that do not overlap, contiguous single-member representative districts that do not overlap, and contiguous single-member congressional districts that do not overlap. Districts shall be equal in population. 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

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minorities to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice. 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.

BALLOT AMENDMENT

Remove lines 34-46 and insert:

STANDARDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.—Contiguous single-member districts shall be drawn to: (1) equalize population, (2) respect communities of common interests, (3) not deny citizen rights to express favor or disfavor for incumbents or political parties, and (4) not deny or diminish opportunities for racial or language minorities to elect candidates they choose. Giving priority to these requirements, the Legislature shall balance and apply all constitutional standards for redistricting. Districts are valid if drawn in a way that is rationally related to standards in the State Constitution and consistent with federal law.