

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senator Gelber moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 20 - 38

and insert:

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standards in this constitution. District boundaries shall, wherever feasible, follow existing city, county, or other political or geographical boundaries. The state shall take into consideration the ability of racial and language minorities to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice, and communities of common interest other than political parties may be respected and promoted, both without subordination to any other provision of this article. Districts and plans are valid if the balancing and implementation of



standards is rationally related to the standards contained in this constitution and is consistent with federal law.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE III, SECTION 20

STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING. - In establishing congressional and legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall apply federal requirements and balance and implement the standards in the State Constitution. Districts shall, wherever feasible, follow existing city, county, or other political or geographical boundaries, whenever feasible. The state shall take into consideration