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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 20 of Article III of the State Constitution to provide standards for establishing legislative and congressional district boundaries.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

9 That the following creation of Section 20 of Article III of 10 the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to 11 the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next 12 general election or at an earlier special election specifically 13 authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE III LEGISLATURE

16 SECTION 20. Standards for establishing legislative and 17 congressional district boundaries.-In establishing congressional 18 and legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall 19 apply federal requirements and balance and implement the 20 standards in this constitution. The state shall take into 21 consideration the ability of racial and language minorities to 22 participate in the political process and elect candidates of 23 their choice, and communities of interest may be respected and promoted, both without subordination to any other provision of 24 25 this article. Districts and plans are valid if the balancing and 26 implementation of standards is rationally related to the 27 standards contained in this constitution and is consistent with 28 federal law.

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30	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
31	placed on the ballot:
32	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
33	ARTICLE III, SECTION 20
34	STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE AND
35	CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTINGIn establishing congressional and
36	legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall apply
37	federal requirements and balance and implement the standards in
38	the State Constitution. The state shall take into consideration
39	the ability of racial and language minorities to participate in
40	the political process and elect candidates of their choice, and
41	communities of interest may be respected and promoted, both
42	without subordination to any other provision of Article III of
43	the State Constitution. Districts and plans are valid if the
44	balancing and implementation of standards is rationally related
45	to the standards contained in the State Constitution and is
46	consistent with federal law.

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