

1 House Joint Resolution

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

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

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 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:

14 ARTICLE III

15 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  
 24 promoted, both without subordination to any other provision of  
 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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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 this constitution. 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 interest 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.