

By Representative Ryan

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to apportionment; creating s.
3 11.035, F.S.; providing standards for the
4 Legislature to follow in legislative
5 apportionment and congressional redistricting;
6 providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Section 11.035, Florida Statutes, is
11 created to read:

12 11.035 Standards for legislative apportionment and
13 congressional redistricting.--In addition to any requirements
14 provided in the constitution of this state and in the
15 Constitution of the United States, the following standards for
16 legislative apportionment and congressional redistricting
17 shall be followed:

18 (1) All districts shall be substantially equal in
19 population.

20 (2) Each district shall be reasonably compact in form,
21 composed of contiguous territory, and, where possible, drawn
22 to coincide with communities of shared socioeconomic interest
23 and the boundaries of local political subdivisions, as such
24 terms are defined by general law.

25 (3) No district shall be drawn to dilute the voting
26 strength of any group based on race, religion, or national
27 origin.

28 (4) To ensure political fairness, no district shall be
29 drawn for the purpose of degrading the influence of any
30 political party.

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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
2 law.

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5 HOUSE SUMMARY

6 Provides standards for the Legislature to follow in
7 legislative apportionment and congressional
8 redistricting.
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