

By Senator Rossin

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to apportionment; creating s.  
11.035, F.S.; providing standards for the  
Legislature to follow in legislative  
apportionment and congressional redistricting;  
providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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HOUSE SUMMARY

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