

HJR 1537

2004

House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 20 of Article III of the State Constitution to provide additional standards in the apportionment of legislative and congressional districts.

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

That the creation of Section 20 of Article III of the State Constitution set forth below is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of Florida for approval or rejection at the general election to be held in November 2004:

ARTICLE III

LEGISLATURE

SECTION 20. Apportionment standards.--In apportioning legislative and congressional districts, in addition to any requirements provided by this constitution and by the constitution of the United States, the following standards apply:

(a) Districts shall be compact and shall, where practicable, utilize existing political and geographical boundaries.

(b) Districts shall, where practicable, preserve communities of interest.

(c) Districts shall not be drawn to favor an incumbent, a political party, or any other person.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the title and substance of the amendment proposed herein shall appear on the ballot as follows:

APPORTIONMENT STANDARDS

HJR 1537

2004

30 Proposes the creation of Section 20 of Article III of the
31 State Constitution to require, as additional standards in the
32 apportionment of legislative and congressional districts, that
33 districts be compact and, where practicable, utilize existing
34 political and geographical boundaries; preserve communities of
35 interest, where practicable; and not be drawn to favor an
36 incumbent, a political party, or any other person.