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Senator Gelber moved the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (476040) (with ballot**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 6 - 17
5 and insert:
6 congressional district boundaries.—The legislature shall
7 establish contiguous single-member senatorial districts that do
8 not overlap, contiguous single-member representative districts
9 that do not overlap, and contiguous single-member congressional
10 districts that do not overlap. Districts shall be equal in
11 population. District boundaries and plans shall be drawn in a
12 manner that does not deny or diminish opportunities for racial
13 or language minorities to participate in the political process



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14 and elect candidates of their choice. The legislature shall
15 balance and apply standards in this constitution to establish
16 senatorial, representative, and congressional districts, giving
17 priority to the standards in this section. District boundaries
18 or plans are valid if drawn in a manner that is rationally
19 related to the standards in this constitution and consistent
20 with federal law.

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22 ===== B A L L O T S T A T E M E N T A M E N D M E N T =====

23 And the ballot statement is amended as follows:

24 Delete lines 23 - 36

25 and insert:

26 STANDARDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE AND
27 CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.—Contiguous single-member districts
28 shall be drawn to equalize population and not deny or diminish
29 opportunities for racial or language minorities to elect
30 candidates they choose. Giving priority to these requirements,
31 the Legislature shall balance and apply all constitutional
32 standards for redistricting. Districts are valid if drawn in a
33 way that is rationally related to standards in the State
34 Constitution and consistent with federal law.