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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on
Reapportionment

Senate Joint Resolution

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

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

That the following creation of Section 20 of Article III of
the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to
the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next
general election or at an earlier special election specifically
authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE III

LEGISLATURE

SECTION 20. Standards for establishing legislative and
congressional district boundaries.-In establishing congressional
and legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall
apply federal requirements and balance and implement 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



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28 federal law.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
30 placed on the ballot:

31 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

32 ARTICLE III, SECTION 20

33 STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE AND
34 CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.—In establishing congressional and
35 legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall apply
36 federal requirements and balance and implement standards in the
37 State Constitution. The state shall take into consideration the
38 ability of racial and language minorities to participate in the
39 political process and elect candidates of their choice, and
40 communities of interest may be respected and promoted, both
41 without subordination to any other provision of Article III of
42 the State Constitution. Districts and plans are valid if the
43 balancing and implementation of standards is rationally related
44 to the standards contained in the State Constitution and is
45 consistent with federal law.