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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. Districts shall not be drawn with intent to favor or
12 disfavor incumbents or political parties. District boundaries
13 and plans shall be drawn in a manner that respects communities



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14 of common interests other than political parties and that does
15 not deny citizen rights to express favor or disfavor for
16 incumbents or political parties. District boundaries and plans
17 shall be drawn in a manner that does not deny or diminish
18 opportunities for racial or language minorities to participate
19 in the political process and elect candidates of their choice.
20 The legislature shall balance and apply standards in this
21 constitution to establish senatorial, representative, and
22 congressional districts, giving priority to the standards in
23 this section. District boundaries or plans are valid if drawn in
24 a manner that is rationally related to the standards in this
25 constitution and consistent with federal law.

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

29 And the ballot statement is amended as follows:

30 Delete lines 23 - 36

31 and insert:

32 STANDARDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE AND
33 CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.—Contiguous single-member districts
34 shall be drawn to: (1) equalize population, (2) not to favor or
35 disfavor incumbents or political parties (3) respect communities
36 of common interests, (4) not deny citizen rights to express
37 favor or disfavor for incumbents or political parties, and (5)
38 not deny or diminish opportunities for racial or language
39 minorities to elect candidates they choose. Giving priority to
40 these requirements, the Legislature shall balance and apply all
41 constitutional standards for redistricting. Districts are valid
42 if drawn in a way that is rationally related to standards in the



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43 State Constitution and consistent with federal law.