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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 respects communities of common interests other than  
13 political parties and that does not deny citizen rights to



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14 express favor or disfavor for incumbents or political parties.  
15 District boundaries and plans shall be drawn in a manner that  
16 does not deny or diminish opportunities for racial or language  
17 minorities to participate in the political process and elect  
18 candidates of their choice. The legislature shall balance and  
19 apply standards in this constitution to establish senatorial,  
20 representative, and congressional districts, giving priority to  
21 the standards in this section.

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

24 And the ballot statement is amended as follows:

25 Delete lines 23 - 36

26 and insert:

27 STANDARDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE AND  
28 CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.—Contiguous single-member districts  
29 shall be drawn to: (1) equalize population, (2) respect  
30 communities of common interests, (3) not deny citizen rights to  
31 express favor or disfavor for incumbents or political parties,  
32 and (4) not deny or diminish opportunities for racial or  
33 language minorities to elect candidates they choose. Giving  
34 priority to these requirements, the Legislature shall balance  
35 and apply all constitutional standards for redistricting.