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

28 And the ballot statement is amended as follows:

29 Delete lines 23 - 36

30 and insert:

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