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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Gardiner) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with ballot amendment)**

Delete lines 16 - 28  
and insert:

SECTION 20. Standards for establishing legislative and congressional district boundaries.—The legislature shall establish contiguous single-member senatorial districts that do not overlap, contiguous single-member representative districts that do not overlap, and contiguous single-member congressional districts that do not overlap. Districts shall be equal in population. District boundaries and plans shall be drawn in a manner that respects communities of common interests other than



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13 political parties and that does not deny citizen rights to  
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. District boundaries or plans are  
22 valid if drawn in a manner that is rationally related to the  
23 standards in this constitution and consistent with federal law.

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26 And the ballot statement is amended as follows:

27 Delete lines 33 - 45

28 and insert:

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