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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
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12 population. Districts shall be compact. District boundaries and
13 plans shall be drawn in a manner that respects communities of



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14 common interests other than political parties and that does not
15 deny citizen rights to express favor or disfavor for incumbents
16 or political parties. District boundaries and plans shall be
17 drawn in a manner that does not deny or diminish opportunities
18 for racial or language minorities to participate in the
19 political process and elect candidates of their choice. The
20 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) be compact, (3)
34 respect communities of common interests, (4) not deny citizen
35 rights to express favor or disfavor for incumbents or political
36 parties, and (5) not deny or diminish opportunities for racial
37 or language minorities to elect candidates they choose. Giving
38 priority to these requirements, the Legislature shall balance
39 and apply all constitutional standards for redistricting.
40 Districts are valid if drawn in a way that is rationally related
41 to standards in the State Constitution and consistent with
42 federal law.