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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 shall, whenever, feasible,  
12 follow existing, city, county, political, or geographical  
13 boundaries. District boundaries and plans shall be drawn in a



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14 manner that respects communities of common interests other than  
15 political parties and that does not deny citizen rights to  
16 express favor or disfavor for incumbents or political parties.  
17 District boundaries and plans shall be drawn in a manner that  
18 does not deny or diminish opportunities for racial or language  
19 minorities to participate in the political process and elect  
20 candidates of their choice. The legislature shall balance and  
21 apply standards in this constitution to establish senatorial,  
22 representative, and congressional districts, giving priority to  
23 the standards in this section. District boundaries or plans are  
24 valid if drawn in a manner that is rationally related to the  
25 standards in this 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 24 - 31

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) follow existing,  
34 city, county, political, or geographical boundaries whenever  
35 feasible, (3) respect communities of common interests, (4) not  
36 deny citizen rights to express favor or disfavor for incumbents  
37 or political parties, and (5) not deny or diminish opportunities  
38 for racial or language minorities to elect candidates they  
39 choose. Giving priority to these requirements, the Legislature  
40 shall balance and apply all constitutional standards for  
41 redistricting. Districts are valid if drawn in a way that is  
42 rationally related to standards in the State Constitution and



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43 consistent with federal law.