

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

.

Representatives Thurston and Waldman offered the following:

Amendment (with ballot amendment)

Remove lines 17-28 and insert:
congressional district boundaries.-

(a) In establishing congressional and legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall apply federal requirements and balance and implement the standards in this constitution. The state shall take into consideration the ability of racial and language minorities to participate in the political process and elect candidates of their choice, and communities of common interest other than political parties may be respected and promoted, both without subordination to any other provision of this article. Districts and plans are valid if the balancing and implementation of standards is rationally

296823

Approved For Filing: 4/26/2010 7:52:27 AM

Amendment No.

16 related to the standards contained in this constitution and is
17 consistent with federal law.

18 (b) The proposed amendments to Article III of this
19 Constitution known as initiative amendments 5 and 6, relating to
20 congressional and legislative redistricting and sponsored by
21 FairDistrictsFlorida.org, if approved by the people at the
22 general election held on November 2, 2010, are hereby undone and
23 nullified by the passage of this amendment and the current
24 standards for establishing the boundaries of legislative and
25 congressional districts are instead maintained.

26
27
28 -----
29 **B A L L O T A M E N D M E N T**

30 Remove line 47 and insert:
31 with federal law. This proposed amendment undoes and nullifies
32 initiative amendments 5 and 6. If this amendment is not approved
33 by the voters, and proposed amendments initiative 5 and 6 are
34 approved by the voters, proposed initiative amendments 5 and 6
35 would: prohibit legislative and congressional districts from
36 being drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political
37 party or an incumbent; prohibit districts from being drawn with
38 the intent or result of denying racial or language minorities
39 the equal opportunity to participate in the political process or
40 diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice;
41 require districts to be drawn of contiguous and compact
42 territory; require districts to be drawn as nearly equal in
43 population as is practicable; and require, where feasible, the
296823

Amendment No.

44 use of existing political and geographical boundaries when
45 drawing districts.