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Overview

Effective beginning in 2013, requires the number of state Senators to be evenly divisible by the number of Minnesota representatives in Congress. Requires state Senate districts to nest entirely within Congressional districts.

Section

- 1** **Number of legislators.** Effective beginning in 2013, provides that the Senate is composed of no fewer than 60 and no more than 64 members (instead of 67 members), and that the House of Representatives is composed of no fewer than 120 and no more than 128 members (instead of 134 members). Provides that the number of Senators must be evenly divisible by the number of Minnesota representatives in Congress.
- 2** **Legislative districts.** Provides that no congressional district boundary may be crossed in forming a Senate district; i.e. Senate districts must nest entirely within Congressional districts. (Article IV, section 4 of the Minnesota Constitution currently provides that "No representative district shall be divided in the formation of a senate district".)
- 3** **Effective dates.** Effective in 2013.