

Subject Redistricting constitutional amendment

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Overview

This bill proposes a state constitutional amendment establishing a redistricting commission to adopt legislative and congressional districts for the state following each decennial census.

The commission proposed in this bill would consist of five retired judges: four appointed by the four legislative leaders, and a fifth appointed by the other four appointees.

This proposed constitutional amendment would eliminate the role of the legislature in drawing or approving redistricting plans; the commission is responsible for drawing and ordering adoption of final plans no later than December 31 of the year ending in one.

A variety of additional details related to the structure and function of the commission is provided in the bill.

The proposed constitutional amendment would be submitted to the voters for ratification at the 2020 state general election.