

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section 44 of article V as follows:

Section 44. REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS

(1) The Colorado reapportionment commission established by Section 48 of this Article shall divide the state into as many congressional districts as there are representatives in congress apportioned to this state by the congress of the United States for the election of one representative to congress from each district. When a new apportionment shall be made by congress, the Colorado reapportionment commission shall divide the state into congressional districts accordingly.

(2) (a) The Colorado reapportionment commission is further directed that in carrying out its reapportionment responsibilities as established in Section 44 and Section 48 of this Article that no apportionment plan or district shall be drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or an incumbent; and districts shall not be drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or to diminish their ability to elect representatives of their choice; and districts shall consist of contiguous territory.

(b) Unless compliance with the standards in this subsection conflicts with the standards in subsection 2(a) or with federal law, districts shall be as nearly equal in population as is practicable; districts shall be compact; and districts shall, where feasible, utilize existing political and geographical boundaries.

(c) It is further suggested, but not required, that the reapportionment commission utilize a computer based algorithm to carry out its redistricting responsibilities.

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