

## House Joint Resolution No. 7231

A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 20 of Article III of the State Constitution to provide standards for establishing legislative and congressional district boundaries.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following creation of Section 20 of Article III of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

### ARTICLE III LEGISLATURE

SECTION 20. Standards for establishing legislative and congressional district boundaries.—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 related to the standards contained in this constitution and is consistent with federal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be placed on the ballot:

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE III, SECTION 20

STANDARDS FOR LEGISLATURE TO FOLLOW IN LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.—In establishing congressional and legislative district boundaries or plans, the state shall apply federal requirements and balance and implement the standards in the State 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 Article III of the State Constitution. Districts and plans are valid if the balancing and implementation of standards is rationally related to the standards contained in the State Constitution and is consistent with federal law.

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