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SENATE BILL No. 80

DIGEST OF SB 80 (Updated January 25, 2010 4:25 pm - DI 75)

Citations Affected: IC 2-1.

Synopsis: Legislative district guidelines. Establishes standards for drawing legislative districts.

Effective: July 1, 2010.

**Lawson C, Landske, Miller, Delph,
Young R Michael, Charbonneau**

January 5, 2010, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections.
January 11, 2010, reported favorably — Do Pass.
January 25, 2010, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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SB 80—LS 6329/DI 75+



Second Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2010)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 2-1-9-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2010]: **Sec. 13. (a) Legislative and congressional districts**
4 **established under this article must satisfy the following standards:**
5 (1) **Districts must preserve traditional neighborhoods.**
6 (2) **Districts must preserve local communities of interest based**
7 **upon cultural, ethnic, geographic, and socioeconomic**
8 **similarities.**
9 (3) **Districts must protect minority voting rights consistent**
10 **with Indiana and federal law, as interpreted by the Indiana**
11 **and federal courts.**
12 (4) **Districts must be compact, particularly where population**
13 **density is greatest, to avoid dividing communities of interest.**
14 (5) **Districts must have simple shapes. However, rational and**
15 **logical deviations may occur in a district's boundaries to**
16 **follow a political subdivision's boundaries or to follow natural**
17 **geographic boundaries.**



1 **(6) Districts must respect county boundary lines. However, a**
2 **district boundary may cross a county boundary to preserve**
3 **economic, social, and geographic populations and to**
4 **approximate the ideal population of the district as closely as**
5 **possible. The number of counties used to comprise a district**
6 **should be kept to a minimum, and the counties within a**
7 **district should be as contiguous as possible.**
8 **(7) To prevent division of communities of interest, prevent**
9 **voter confusion, and minimize administrative costs of**
10 **elections, districts must, when practicable, not divide**
11 **precincts.**
12 **(b) Districts may deviate from the standards stated in subsection**
13 **(a) and may satisfy other factors when appropriate.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Elections, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 80, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 80 as introduced.)

LANDSKE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 2.

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 80 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after "Legislative" insert "**and congressional**".

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 12, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(3) Districts must protect minority voting rights consistent with Indiana and federal law, as interpreted by the Indiana and federal courts."

(Reference is to SB 80 as printed January 12, 2010.)

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