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1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL
2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL
11 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT
12 WOULD ESTABLISH AND REQUIRE UNIFORM REDISTRICTING CRITERIA FOR
13 CONGRESSIONAL SEATS.
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15 WHEREAS, the United States is one of only a few developed
16 countries that allow officeholders to draw electoral districts;
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18 WHEREAS, partisan gerrymandering disenfranchises voters by
19 undermining the fundamental premise of one person, one vote and
20 infringing on a voter's first amendment right to associate
21 freely and fourteenth amendment right to equal protection of
22 the laws under the United States constitution; and

23 WHEREAS, the 2025 acts of midcycle redistricting increased
24 partisan divisions, and additional acts of midcycle
25 redistricting are predicted in 2026, which will worsen

1 political polarization further; and

2 WHEREAS, Article 1 of and the fourteenth amendment to the
3 United States constitution grant congress the authority to
4 enact laws governing the manner of elections for members of the
5 United States house of representatives; establish terms and
6 conditions states must follow in carrying out congressional
7 redistricting after an apportionment; and enact laws to protect
8 against excessive partisan gerrymandering; and

9 WHEREAS, requiring states to use uniform redistricting
10 criteria is an appropriate and important exercise of that
11 congressional authority; and

12 WHEREAS, prohibiting states from further midcycle
13 redistricting unless court-ordered is also an appropriate and
14 important exercise of that congressional authority; and

15 WHEREAS, congress's authority regarding redistricting is
16 limited to the United States house of representatives;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be urged to
19 pass legislation to require uniform redistricting criteria and
20 uniform process standards for the United States house of
21 representatives apportionment and to prohibit states from
22 midcycle redistricting unless court-ordered; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the speaker of the United States house of
25 representatives, the clerk of the United States house of

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1 representatives, the president pro tempore of the United States
2 senate, the secretary of the United States senate, the New
3 Mexico congressional delegation, the governor and the secretary
4 of state.

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