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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; CREATING A JOINT INTERIM LEGISLATIVE
REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE CREATED--
TERMINATION.--There is created a joint interim legislative
committee, which shall be known as the "redistricting
committee". The committee may function from the date of its
appointment until January 13, 2012.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP--APPOINTMENT--VACANCIES.--The
redistricting committee shall be composed of eighteen
members. Nine members of the house of representatives shall
be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives
and nine members of the senate shall be appointed by the
committees' committee of the senate, or, if the senate
appointment is made in the interim, by the president pro
tempore of the senate after consultation and agreement of a
majority of the members of the committees' committee.
Members shall be appointed from each house so as to give the
two major political parties in each house the same
proportional representation on the committee as prevails in
each house; provided that in no event shall either of the
parties have less than one member from each house on the
committee. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by

1 appointment in the same manner as the original appointments.
2 One co-chair shall be selected by the speaker of the house of
3 representatives and one co-chair by the committees'
4 committee, or, if the senate appointment is made in the
5 interim, by the president pro tempore of the senate after
6 consultation and agreement of a majority of the members of
7 the committees' committee. No action shall be taken by the
8 committee if a majority of the total membership from either
9 house on the committee rejects such action.

10 SECTION 3. DUTIES.--

11 A. After appointment of its members, the
12 redistricting committee shall hold one organizational meeting
13 to develop a work plan and budget for its interim tasks. The
14 work plan and budget shall be submitted to the New Mexico
15 legislative council for approval. Upon approval of the work
16 plan and budget by the New Mexico legislative council, the
17 committee shall:

18 (1) examine the statutes, constitutional
19 provisions, rules and court decisions governing redistricting
20 in New Mexico;

21 (2) use the guidelines for redistricting
22 adopted by the New Mexico legislative council so that the
23 procedures, criteria and standards for redistricting plans
24 meet statutory and constitutional requirements;

25 (3) conduct public hearings to provide a

1 forum for public involvement in the redistricting process;
2 and

3 (4) recommend appropriate redistricting
4 legislation to the fiftieth legislature.

5 B. In developing redistricting plans for
6 congressional and state districts, the committee shall use
7 data from the 2010 decennial census.

8 SECTION 4. SUBCOMMITTEES.--Subcommittees of the
9 redistricting committee shall be created only by majority
10 vote of all members appointed to the committee and with the
11 prior approval of the New Mexico legislative council. A
12 subcommittee shall be composed of at least one member from
13 the senate and one member from the house of representatives,
14 and at least one member of the minority party shall be a
15 member of the subcommittee. All meetings and expenditures of
16 a subcommittee shall be approved by the full committee in
17 advance of such meeting or expenditure, and the approval
18 shall be shown in the minutes of the committee.

19 SECTION 5. REPORT.--The redistricting committee shall
20 recommend proposed redistricting plans to a special session
21 of the fiftieth legislature called for the purpose of
22 redistricting congressional, legislative, public regulation
23 commission and public education commission districts.

24 SECTION 6. STAFF.--The legislative council service
25 shall provide staff for the redistricting committee.