

HJR 43 -- REDISTRICTING

SPONSOR: Merideth (80)

Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment changes the process for redistricting for both state Legislative districts and federal Congressional districts. It establishes the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission; establishes a nonpartisan Redistricting Division in the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to conduct the redistricting based constitutional requirements and objective criteria for drawing compact and contiguous districts, requires the Redistricting Division to submit its first proposal to the General Assembly by April 1 of each year ending in one, and specifies the procedures for maintaining Senate districts with one-half of members elected every two years. The bill specifies a process for evaluating who may run for office in new holdover Senate districts that are created by the division in the 2021 redistricting plan.

This bill is similar to HJR 63 (2016).