

Second Extraordinary Session  
Sixty-third General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 01S2-1006

101 CONCERNING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE IN  
102 DETERMINING THE CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING OF  
103 COLORADO.

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1 WHEREAS, Federal law vests the states with original authority to  
2 set the states' respective congressional district boundaries; and

3 WHEREAS, Colorado's constitution vests the General Assembly  
4 with the sole and original authority to set Colorado's congressional  
5 district boundaries; and

6 WHEREAS, Lawsuits have been filed in Colorado in both federal  
7 and state district courts regarding the necessity to establish new  
8 congressional district boundaries; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States supreme court has repeatedly ruled  
10 that both state and federal courts should defer to legislative efforts to set  
11 congressional district boundaries; and

**Shading denotes HOUSE amendment.** Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

HOUSE  
Final Reading  
October 4, 2001

1           WHEREAS, The first deadline for the next general election does  
2 not occur until March 11, 2002; and

3           WHEREAS, The General Assembly will convene its next regular  
4 session on January 9, 2002; now, therefore,

5           *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third*  
6 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*  
7 *herein:*

8           (1) That the General Assembly solemnly acknowledges its  
9 constitutional duty to establish new congressional district boundaries.

10           (2) That the General Assembly expresses its strong intent to  
11 comply with that duty by enacting legislation to set such boundaries in  
12 this Second Extraordinary Session of the Sixty-third General Assembly.

13           (3) That the courts should respect constitutional principles by:

14           (a) Deferring to the legislative process that the people of  
15 Colorado, through the Colorado constitution, have entrusted to the  
16 General Assembly; and

17           (b) Refraining from awarding any of the litigants in the  
18 redistricting lawsuits any type of relief until, at the earliest, a date after  
19 the General Assembly reconvenes in January of 2002.

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21           ***Be It Further Resolved. That copies of this Joint Resolution be***  
22 ***sent to the Colorado Supreme Court and to each State or Federal Court***  
23 ***in which state redistricting litigation has been filed.***