

HB1408\_L.009

## HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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 Chairman of Committee

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 Date
Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB10-1408 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 5 through 7 and substitute:

2 **"congressional districts.** (1) In determining whether one or more of the  
3 congressional districts established in section 2-1-101 are lawful and in  
4 adopting or enforcing any change to any such district, courts:

5 (a) Shall UTILIZE THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:".

6 Page 2, strike lines 15 through 27 and substitute:

7 (I) First, A good faith effort to achieve precise mathematical  
8 population equality between districts, justifying each variance, no matter  
9 how small, as required by the constitution of the United States. Each  
10 district shall consist of contiguous whole general election precincts.  
11 Districts shall not overlap;

12 (II) Second; Compliance with the federal "Voting Rights Act of  
13 1965", in particular 42 U.S.C. sec. 1973; AND

14 (b) MAY, WITHOUT WEIGHT TO ANY FACTOR, UTILIZE FACTORS  
15 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

16 (III) Third, ~~Except when necessary to comply with subparagraph~~  
17 ~~(i) or (ii) of this paragraph (b)~~ THE PRESERVATION OF political  
18 subdivisions such as counties, cities, and towns. ~~shall be preserved intact~~  
19 ~~and shall not be fragmented or dispersed across district lines. When~~



1 ~~applying this criterion, preservation of the most populous counties, cities,~~  
2 ~~and towns shall take precedence. When county, city, or town boundaries~~  
3 ~~are changed, adjustments, if any, in districts shall be as prescribed by law.~~

4 (IV II) ~~Fourth; THE PRESERVATION OF communities of interest,~~  
5 ~~including ethnic, cultural, economic, trade area, geographic, and~~  
6 ~~demographic factors. shall be preserved within a single district whenever~~  
7 ~~possible. Traditional communities of interest in Colorado include the~~  
8 ~~western slope and the eastern plains.~~

9 (V III) ~~Fifth, Each THE COMPACTNESS OF EACH congressional~~  
10 ~~district; shall be as compact in area as possible, and the aggregate linear~~  
11 ~~distance of all district boundaries shall be as short as possible; and~~

12 (VI IV) ~~Sixth; THE MINIMIZATION OF disruption of prior district~~  
13 ~~lines. shall be minimized."~~

14 Page 3, strike lines 1 through 10.

15 Page 1, line 101, strike "THE REPEAL OF".

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