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TITLE: CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF STATUTORY DIRECTIONS CONCERNING

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

Summary of Legislation

The bill repeals statutory direction to the court that identifies certain criteria that must be used when determining the lawfulness of congressional districts or when adopting or enforcing changes to congressional districts. Specifically, the provisions repealed by the bill require the court to:

- utilize only neutral factors such as district population, location of cities, towns, and communities of interest within a district, compactness and shape of the district, and compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act; and
- *not* use non-neutral factors such as political party registration and prior election results.

The bill takes effect on August 11, 2010, assuming the General Assembly adjourns May 12, 2010, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Assessment

The bill is assessed at no fiscal impact. Repealing this statutory direction to the court will not affect costs in the Judicial Branch, the legislature, or any state agency that is involved in the redistricting process.

Departments Contacted

Judicial Legislature State