

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

April 27, 2010
Date

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

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

HB10-1408 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 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 (~~HH~~) (I) ~~Third, except when necessary to comply with~~
17 ~~subparagraph (I) or (H) of this paragraph (b)~~ THE PRESERVATION OF

1 political subdivisions such as counties, cities, and towns. ~~shall be~~
2 ~~preserved intact and shall not be fragmented or dispersed across district~~
3 ~~lines. When applying this criterion, preservation of the most populous~~
4 ~~counties, cities, and towns shall take precedence. When county, city, or~~
5 ~~town boundaries are changed, adjustments, if any, in districts shall be as~~
6 ~~prescribed by law.~~

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

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

15 ~~(VI) (IV) Sixth, THE MINIMIZATION OF disruption of prior district~~
16 ~~lines. shall be minimized."~~

17 Page 3, strike lines 1 through 10.

18 Page 1, line 101, strike "**THE REPEAL OF**".

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