

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chairman of Committee

May 4, 2011
Date

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

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

HB11-1276 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. 2-1-102 (1) (b) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read:

5 **2-1-102. Neutral criteria for judicial determinations of**
6 **congressional districts.** (1) In determining whether one or more of the
7 congressional districts established in section 2-1-101 are lawful and in
8 adopting or enforcing any change to any such district, courts:

9 (b) May, without weight to any factor, utilize factors including but
10 not limited to:

11 (II) The preservation of communities of interest, including ethnic,
12 cultural, economic, trade area, geographic, and demographic factors.

13 TRADITIONAL COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST IN COLORADO INCLUDE THE
14 WESTERN SLOPE AND THE EASTERN PLAINS.

15 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
16 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
18 10, 2011, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2011); except that, if a
19 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
20 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
21 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect
22 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

1 November 2012 and shall take effect on the date of the official
2 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.".

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