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SENATE BILL 01-166

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(None)

Senate Committees

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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Declares that the general assembly is responsible for dividing the state into 7 congressional districts. Establishes an interim committee to recommend a plan to divide the state into 7 congressional districts.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Article 1 of title 2, Colorado Revised Statutes, is

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.*

1 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

2 **2-1-100.7. Congressional redistricting - declaration - interim**
3 **committee - repeal.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES
4 THAT:

5 (a) ON DECEMBER 28, 2000, THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU
6 REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE
7 APPORTIONMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES AMONG THE STATES AND REPORTED THAT THE STATE OF
9 COLORADO WAS ENTITLED TO A SEVENTH REPRESENTATIVE.

10 (b) PURSUANT TO SECTION 44 OF ARTICLE V OF THE COLORADO
11 CONSTITUTION, FOLLOWING A NEW APPORTIONMENT, THE GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY SHALL DIVIDE THE STATE INTO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

13 (c) IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS NOT ABLE TO AGREE UPON A NEW
14 PLAN TO DIVIDE THE STATE INTO SEVEN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS DURING
15 THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AN
16 INTERIM COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO RECOMMEND TO THE
17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY A PLAN TO DO SO.

18 (2) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED AN INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE,
19 REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "INTERIM COMMITTEE", FOR THE
20 2001 INTERIM THAT SHALL DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY A PLAN TO DIVIDE THE STATE INTO SEVEN CONGRESSIONAL
22 DISTRICTS.

23 (3) THE INTERIM COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING
24 TEN MEMBERS:

25 (a) FIVE SENATORS, THREE OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE
26 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED BY
27 THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE; AND

1 (b) FIVE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO SHALL
2 BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NO
3 MORE THAN THREE OF WHOM SHALL BE FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY.

4 (4) ALL EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY THE INTERIM COMMITTEE
5 SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND PAID
6 BY VOUCHER AND WARRANTS DRAWN AS PROVIDED BY LAW FROM FUNDS
7 ALLOCATED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY
8 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

9 (5) THE STAFF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE OFFICE OF
10 LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES SHALL ASSIST THE INTERIM COMMITTEE IN
11 FULFILLING ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

12 (6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002.

13 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.