

AMENDMENTS TO LB 402

Introduced by Erdman, 47

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as
4 the Redistricting Act.

5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Redistricting Act:

6 (1) Committee means the Redistricting Committee of the
7 Legislature;

8 (2) Director means the Director of Research of the
9 Legislature or his or her designee;

10 (3) Executive board means the Executive Board of the
11 Legislative Council;

12 (4) Other district means a legislative district, supreme
13 court judicial district, public service commission district, board
14 of regents district, or state board of education district; and

15 (5) Redistricting plan means a plan for congressional
16 districts and other districts prepared pursuant to the requirements
17 of the act.

18 Sec. 3. (1) The Redistricting Committee of the
19 Legislature is established. The committee shall be comprised of
20 nine members of the Legislature, three from each congressional
21 district existing on January 1 of each year ending in zero. The
22 executive board shall appoint the members of the committee in
23 January of each year ending in one. No more than five members

1 appointed to the committee shall be of the same political party.

2 (2) At the first meeting of the committee, the members
3 shall select from among themselves by majority vote one member to
4 serve as chairperson of the committee and one member to serve as
5 vice-chairperson of the committee.

6 (3) The existence of the committee shall continue
7 throughout the redistricting process and shall be reconstituted
8 pursuant to this section in the event of a successful legal
9 challenge to any part of the redistricting process or any action
10 taken under the Redistricting Act. A vacancy on the committee shall
11 be filled by the executive board as soon as possible after the
12 vacancy occurs.

13 (4) The committee shall receive staff support from the
14 office of the director.

15 Sec. 4. (1) The committee shall be responsible for
16 administering the Redistricting Act.

17 (2)(a) The committee shall prepare substantive and
18 procedural guidelines, consistent with the act, that will guide
19 the Legislature's redistricting process. The guidelines shall be
20 formulated during the legislative session of each year ending in
21 one. The guidelines shall be presented to the Legislature for
22 approval.

23 (b) The committee shall at the earliest feasible time
24 make available to the public the guidelines prepared under this
25 section.

26 Sec. 5. The committee shall introduce legislative bills
27 pertaining to redistricting congressional districts and other

1 districts during the first ten days of the legislative session
2 of each year ending in one.

3 Sec. 6. (1) The director shall (a) acquire appropriate
4 information, (b) review and evaluate available facilities, and (c)
5 develop programs and procedures for preparing redistricting plans
6 on the basis of each federal decennial census under the direction
7 of the committee. Funds shall be expended for the purchase or
8 lease of equipment and materials only with prior approval of the
9 chairperson of the executive board.

10 (2) By December 31 of each year ending in zero,
11 the director shall obtain from the United States Department of
12 Commerce, Bureau of the Census, information regarding geographic
13 and political units in this state for which federal census
14 population data has been gathered and will be tabulated.

15 Sec. 7. Based upon the information received from the
16 United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, the
17 director shall compile statistics for each congressional district
18 boundary and other district boundaries. The statistics shall be
19 made available to the Legislature and the public.

20 Sec. 8. (1) After the information gathered under section
21 7 of this act is made available to the Legislature and the
22 public, the committee shall schedule and conduct, as expeditiously
23 as reasonably possible, at least one public hearing in each
24 congressional district for the purposes of soliciting input on the
25 proposed redistricting plans. Video and other methods may be used
26 in addition to the procedures outlined for public hearings but not
27 in substitution for such procedures.

1 (2) Following the public hearings, the committee shall
2 proceed to process the legislative bills introduced at the
3 beginning of the legislative session.