

Amendment to HB 363

1 Amend RSA 14:14-d as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 14:14-d Redistricting; Criteria for Redistricting. Any districts created by the New Hampshire  
4 senate, house of representatives, or any subcommittee thereof, shall comply with the following  
5 criteria:

6 I. Districts shall comply with the United States constitution and all applicable federal laws,  
7 and shall be drawn on the basis of total population.

8 II. Districts shall comply with the New Hampshire constitution and all applicable state  
9 laws.

10 III. Districts shall form single boundaries and shall not be bisected or otherwise divided by  
11 other districts, and shall respect the geographic integrity of cities, towns, and unincorporated areas  
12 to the extent practicable without violating the requirements of state law.

13 IV. Districts shall consider the integrity of communities of interest to the extent practicable.  
14 For purposes of this paragraph a community of interest is defined as an area with recognized  
15 similarities of interests, including but not limited to racial, ethnic, economic, social, cultural, school  
16 districts, geographic, or historic identities. Communities of interest shall not include common  
17 relationships with political parties or political candidates.

18 V. The plan as a whole shall not have the intent or the effect of favoring or disfavoring any  
19 political party, incumbent, or candidate for office.

20 VI. Districts shall not have the intent or the effect of unduly favoring or disfavoring any  
21 racial or language group.