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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT establishing redistricting criteria.

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COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes redistricting criteria.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT establishing redistricting criteria.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Redistricting. Amend RSA 14 by inserting after section 14-c the following new
2 section:

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 be drawn in compact shapes and shall avoid jagged edges and extensions.

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

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

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

23 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.