

April 21, 2005

H 1448. INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. *TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION.* Amends Sections 3 and 5, Article II, of the NC Constitution to provide that the Independent Redistricting Commission sets Senate and House of Representative districts after each decennial census, with districts to be compact and contiguous, to provide for one-person one-vote, minimize the number of split counties, municipalities, and other communities of interest, and prohibit split precincts. Enacts new Section 25, Article II, to establish a nine-person Independent Redistricting Commission. Two appointments are made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (no more than one from the same political party), three by the Governor (no more than two from the same political party), one by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one by the leader of the political party in the House of Representatives with the next highest number of members, one by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and one by the leader of the political party in the Senate with the next highest number of members. No member of the Comm'n may have held or been a candidate for elective public office in the four years before beginning to serve on the Comm'n. No member of the Comm'n is eligible to hold any elective state office for four years after the end of Comm'n service. Provides for public comment period on proposed districts. Also makes Comm'n responsible for legislative and congressional redistricting. Comm'n may adopt districts for local governments on request. Amendments will be submitted to voters at November 2006 general election. The amendments become effective upon certification of voter approval.

Intro. by Blust.

Ref. to Rules

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