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H 894. INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. Filed 3/30/2009. *TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION.* Proposes submitting to the voters at the general election in November 2010 an amendment to Sections 3, 5, and 22 of Article II of the NC Constitution to change how voting districts are drawn. New Section 25 requires establishment of a 9-member Independent Redistricting Commission to establish the NC Senate and House of Representative districts and the U.S. House of Representative districts, as soon as practical after the return of every decennial census. Membership on the Commission to be 2 members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, with no more than one affiliated with the same political party; 3 by the Governor, with no more than two affiliated with the same political party; 1 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and 1 by the leader in the House of Representatives of the political party with the next highest or equal number of members of the House of Representatives as the party of the Speaker; and 1 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and 1 by the leader in the Senate of the political party in the Senate with the next highest or equal number of Senators as the party of the President Pro Tempore. Provides general guidelines for drawing the districts to ensure one person, one vote, and to avoid elongated and irregularly shaped districts and split communities of interest. Provides other requirements for the Commission's formation and procedures.

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