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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING COUNTY COMMISSIONER REDISTRICTING.**

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Bill Summary

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Under current law, certain boards of county commissioners must appoint county commissioner redistricting commissions to adopt plans to divide the relevant counties into as many county commissioner districts as there are county commissioners elected by voters of their district (plan). The bill requires these boards of county commissioners to appoint independent county commissioner redistricting commissions, modifies the criteria for who may serve on these commissions, and requires the boards of county commissioners to adopt a final plan that was one of the final

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plans approved by an independent county commissioner redistricting commission. The bill also removes the role of advisory committees in the process of adopting a plan and divides that role among staff and the independent county commissioner redistricting commissions.

Further, the bill requires an independent county commissioner redistricting commission to adopt a numerical measure of county commissioner district competitiveness and to use that measure in determining county commissioner districts.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Short title.** The short title of this act is the "The
3 County Commissioner Redistricting Integrity Act".

4 **SECTION 2. Legislative declaration.**

5 (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

6 (a) In order for our democratic republic to truly represent the
7 voices of the people, if districts are required, they must be drawn such
8 that the people have an opportunity to elect representatives who are
9 reflective of and responsive and accountable to their constituents;

10 (b) The people are best served when districts are not drawn to
11 benefit particular parties or incumbents, but are instead drawn to ensure
12 representation for the various communities of interest and to maximize
13 the number of competitive districts;

14 (c) The federal "Voting Rights Act of 1965" prohibits voting
15 practices and procedures, including redistricting, that discriminate on the
16 basis of race, color, or language;

17 (d) Districts are redrawn after every decennial census for members
18 of congress, members of the general assembly, county commissioners,
19 school board members, city councillors, and special district
20 representatives;

21 (e) In the 2018 legislative session, the general assembly

1 unanimously supported two referred measures, Amendments Y and Z,
2 that reflected a bipartisan compromise to ensure fair redistricting of
3 congressional districts, state house of representative districts, and state
4 senate districts;

5 (f) At the general election in November 2018, seventy-one percent
6 of electors in the state approved Amendments Y and Z;

7 (g) The only partisan offices elected by districts in Colorado not
8 included in Amendments Y and Z were county commissioners; and

9 (h) It is of statewide interest that voters in every Colorado county
10 are empowered to elect commissioners who will reflect the communities
11 within the county and who will be responsive and accountable to them.

12 (2) The general assembly further finds and declares that most
13 Colorado counties elect their commissioners by the voters of the whole
14 county, but counties with populations over seventy thousand are allowed
15 to increase from three to five commissioners and elect some or all of their
16 commissioners by the voters of individual districts. By enacting this
17 House Bill 26-1038, the general assembly intends to build upon
18 HB21-1047 by further ensuring that county commissioner districts are
19 drawn by independent commissions and not by a sitting board of
20 commissioners, the members of which have a fundamental and inherent
21 conflict of interest in drawing a district in which they or a desired
22 successor may run for office in the future. The general assembly also
23 intends to further clarify what constitutes a competitive county
24 commissioner district.

25 (3) The general assembly further finds and declares that, pursuant
26 to the Colorado supreme court's holding in *League of Women Voters of*
27 *Greeley v. Bd. of Cnty. Comm'rs of the Cnty. of Weld* 563 P.3d 1192

1 (Colo. 2025), as with HB21-1047, this **House Bill 26-1038** applies to
2 counties whether or not they are home rule counties.

3 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-306, **amend**
4 **(6)(b) and (6)(i); repeal** (6)(a) and (6)(d); and **add** (6)(d.5) and (7) as
5 follows:

6 **30-10-306. Commissioners' districts - vacancies - definitions.**

7 (6) As used in this section and sections 30-10-306.1 to
8 30-10-306.4, unless the context otherwise requires:

9 (a) ~~"Advisory committee" means a group of persons who are not~~
10 ~~nonpartisan staff of the county who are assigned to assist the commission~~
11 ~~by the board of county commissioners. The board of county~~
12 ~~commissioners may delegate any functions but the final adoption of a~~
13 ~~plan to the advisory committee. The advisory committee must be~~
14 ~~composed of an equal number of members who are affiliated with the~~
15 ~~state's largest political party, affiliated with the state's second largest~~
16 ~~political party, and not affiliated with any political party. For purposes of~~
17 ~~this subsection (6)(a), the state's two largest political parties shall be~~
18 ~~determined by the number of registered electors affiliated with each~~
19 ~~political party in the state according to voter registration data published~~
20 ~~by the secretary of state for the earliest day in January of the redistricting~~
21 ~~year for which such data is published.~~

22 (b) ~~"Commission" means a county commissioner district~~
23 ~~redistricting commission, whether the commission is an independent~~
24 ~~county commissioner district redistricting commission or not. A county~~
25 ~~commissioner district redistricting commission can be made up solely of~~
26 ~~the members of a county's board of county commissioners~~ CREATED IN
27 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30-10-306.1 (2).

1 (d) ~~"Independent commission" means an independent county~~
2 ~~commissioner district redistricting commission created in accordance with~~
3 ~~section 30-10-306.1 (2).~~

4 (d.5) "INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE" MEANS A COMMITTEE
5 COMPOSED OF AN EQUAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHO ARE AFFILIATED WITH
6 THE STATE'S LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY, AFFILIATED WITH THE STATE'S
7 SECOND-LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY, AND NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY
8 POLITICAL PARTY. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (6)(d.5), THE
9 STATE'S TWO LARGEST POLITICAL PARTIES ARE DETERMINED BY THE
10 NUMBER OF REGISTERED ELECTORS AFFILIATED WITH EACH POLITICAL
11 PARTY IN THE STATE ACCORDING TO VOTER REGISTRATION DATA
12 PUBLISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE EARLIEST DAY IN
13 JANUARY OF THE REDISTRICTING YEAR FOR WHICH SUCH DATA IS
14 PUBLISHED. AN INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE SHALL NOT INCLUDE
15 NONPARTISAN STAFF OF THE COUNTY.

16 (i) "Staff" means the nonpartisan staff of the county who are
17 assigned to assist the commission by the board of county commissioners
18 OR CONTRACTORS WITH THE COUNTY WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO ASSIST THE
19 COMMISSION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. STAFF DOES NOT
20 INCLUDE THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OR ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE
21 CLERK AND RECORDER WHO IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ELECTION
22 ADMINISTRATION, VOTER REGISTRATION, ELECTION CONDUCT, ELECTION
23 SECURITY, OR MAINTENANCE OF VOTER REGISTRATION OR PRECINCT
24 RECORDS, UNLESS THE CLERK AND RECORDER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE CLERK
25 AND RECORDER EXPRESSLY AGREE IN WRITING TO ASSIST THE
26 COMMISSION.

27 (7) (a) ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE COUNTY MAY CHALLENGE

1 THE ADOPTION OF A PLAN TO DIVIDE THE COUNTY INTO AS MANY
2 DISTRICTS AS THERE ARE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ELECTED BY VOTERS
3 OF THEIR DISTRICT BY AN ACTION IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
4 COUNTY.

5 (b) IN AN ACTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF
6 THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND, IF
7 APPLICABLE, THE INDEPENDENT COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT
8 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, SHALL BE NAMED AS DEFENDANTS.

9 (c) THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER IS NOT A NECESSARY OR
10 PROPERTY PARTY TO AN ACTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
11 (7) UNLESS THE ACTION SPECIFICALLY ALLEGES A VIOLATION OF DUTIES
12 EXPRESSLY ASSIGNED TO THE CLERK AND RECORDER BY STATUTE.

13 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-306.1, **amend**
14 (1) introductory portion, (2) introductory portion, and (2)(c); **repeal** (2)(a)
15 and (2)(b); and **add** (2)(d), (2)(e), (2)(f), (2)(g), and (2.5) as follows:

16 **30-10-306.1. Commission created - commission composition**
17 **and appointment.**

18 (1) The board of county commissioners in each of the following
19 counties must ~~designate~~ CONVENE a county commissioner district
20 redistricting commission ~~and are encouraged to convene an independent~~
21 ~~county commissioner district redistricting commission, in order to adopt~~
22 ~~a plan~~ APPROVE ONE OR MORE PLANS to divide the relevant county into as
23 many districts as there are county commissioners elected by voters of
24 their district:

25 (2) In appointing members to ~~an independent~~ A commission, a
26 board of county commissioners: ~~is encouraged to:~~

27 (a) ~~Appoint persons who accurately reflect the political affiliations~~

- 1 ~~of the residents of the county, including unaffiliated residents;~~
- 2 (b) ~~Appoint persons who accurately reflect the county's racial,~~
- 3 ~~ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity; and~~
- 4 (c) SHALL avoid conflicts of interest based on partisan alignments;
- 5 (d) SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COMMISSION IS AN INDEPENDENT
- 6 COMMITTEE;
- 7 (e) SHALL EITHER DIRECT THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE ONE FINAL
- 8 PLAN TO DIVIDE THE RELEVANT COUNTY INTO AS MANY DISTRICTS AS
- 9 THERE ARE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ELECTED BY VOTERS OF THEIR
- 10 DISTRICT, WHICH PLAN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL
- 11 ADOPT AS THE FINAL PLAN, OR DIRECT THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE AT
- 12 LEAST THREE FINAL PLANS TO DIVIDE THE RELEVANT COUNTY INTO AS
- 13 MANY DISTRICTS AS THERE ARE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ELECTED BY
- 14 VOTERS OF THEIR DISTRICT, WHICH PLANS THE BOARD OF COUNTY
- 15 COMMISSIONERS SHALL SELECT FROM IN DECIDING WHICH PLAN TO ADOPT
- 16 AS THE FINAL PLAN;
- 17 (f) SHALL NOT APPOINT ANY MEMBER TO A COMMISSION WHO IS A
- 18 CURRENTLY ELECTED COUNTY COMMISSIONER; AND
- 19 (g) IS ENCOURAGED TO APPOINT PERSONS WHO ACCURATELY
- 20 REFLECT THE COUNTY'S RACIAL, ETHNIC, GENDER, AND GEOGRAPHIC
- 21 DIVERSITY.

22 (2.5) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY REMOVE ANY

23 MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION FOR MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE, FOR FAILURE

24 TO REGULARLY ATTEND MEETINGS, OR FOR PREVENTING THE COMMISSION

25 FROM DISCHARGING ITS DUTIES.

26 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-306.2, **amend**

27 (1), (2), (3)(c), (3)(d), (4)(b)(I)(B), (4)(b)(I)(C), (4)(b)(I)(D), (4)(b)(I)(F),

1 (4)(b)(II), (4)(b)(III) as follows:

2 **30-10-306.2. Commission organization - procedures -**
3 **transparency - voting requirements.**

4 (1) The board of county commissioners shall appoint staff as
5 needed to assist the commission. Staff ~~or the advisory committee~~ shall
6 acquire and prepare all necessary resources, including computer
7 hardware, software, and demographic, geographic, and political
8 databases, as far in advance as necessary to enable the commission to
9 begin its work immediately upon convening.

10 (2) The commission shall not vote upon THE APPROVAL OF a final
11 plan OR SET OF FINAL PLANS until at least seventy-two hours after it has
12 been proposed to the commission in a public meeting or at least
13 seventy-two hours after it has been amended by the commission in a
14 public meeting, whichever occurs later.

15 (3) (c) The commission shall maintain a website through which
16 any county resident may submit proposed plans or written comments, or
17 both, without attending a hearing of the commission. The commission
18 shall ensure that the website is easily accessible and contains a record of
19 the commission's activities and proceedings, including the commission's
20 directions to staff ~~or an advisory committee~~ on proposed changes to any
21 plan and the commission's rationale for such changes.

22 (d) The commission shall publish all written comments pertaining
23 to redistricting on its website or comparable means of communicating
24 with the public as well as the name of the county resident submitting such
25 comments. If the commission ~~advisory committee~~, or staff have a
26 substantial basis to believe that a person submitting such comments has
27 not truthfully or accurately identified himself or herself, the commission

1 need not consider and need not publish such comments but must notify
2 the commenter in writing of this fact. The commission may withhold
3 comments, in whole or in part, from the website or comparable means of
4 communicating with the public that do not relate to redistricting plans,
5 policies, or communities of interest.

6 (4) (b) To ensure transparency in the redistricting process:

7 (I) (B) Except as provided in subsections (4)(b)(I)(D) and
8 (4)(b)(I)(F) of this section, a member of the commission shall not
9 communicate with staff or any members of the ~~advisory committee~~
10 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
11 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL NOT COMMUNICATE WITH A MEMBER OF
12 THE COMMISSION OR STAFF, on the mapping of county commissioner
13 districts unless the communication is during a public meeting or hearing
14 of the commission.

15 (C) Except for public input and comment, staff shall not have any
16 communications about the content or development of any plan outside of
17 public hearings with anyone, ~~including any members of the advisory~~
18 ~~committee~~, except other staff members. ~~Likewise, except for public input~~
19 ~~and comment, members of the advisory committee shall not have any~~
20 ~~communications about the content or development of any plan outside of~~
21 ~~public hearings with anyone, including staff, except other members of the~~
22 ~~advisory committee.~~ Communications about the content or development
23 of any plan include communications about how plans will be drawn to
24 satisfy the criteria in section 30-10-306.3, specific parameters related to
25 the interpretation of the criteria in section 30-10-306.3, and requests for
26 the drawing of additional plans. Staff ~~or members of the advisory~~
27 ~~committee~~ shall report to the commission any attempt by anyone to exert

1 influence over the staff's ~~or advisory committee's~~ role in the drafting of
2 plans.

3 (D) One or more staff may be designated to communicate with
4 members of the commission ~~or advisory committee and, in the case of a~~
5 ~~commission that is composed of the board of county commissioners,~~
6 ~~administrative staff of the county,~~ regarding administrative matters, the
7 definition and scope of which shall be determined by the commission.
8 ~~Likewise, one or more members of the advisory committee may be~~
9 ~~designated to communicate with members of the commission or staff~~
10 ~~regarding administrative matters, the definition and scope of which shall~~
11 ~~be determined by the commission.~~ Any communication that occurs
12 outside of a public meeting or hearing of the commission between staff,
13 SERVING IN THEIR ROLE AS STAFF TO THE COMMISSION, and a member of
14 the advisory committee COMMISSION OR BOARD OF COUNTY
15 COMMISSIONERS, beyond those allowed by this subsection (4)(b)(I)(D),
16 must be documented and made a part of the public record.

17 (F) Staff may make a completed proposed plan that staff prepared
18 as a result of a request made in a public hearing available to the public on
19 the commission's website. In addition, staff may communicate with a
20 member of the commission ~~or the advisory committee~~ to clarify directions
21 that were given to staff during a public meeting regarding the creation of
22 a proposed plan, so long as staff makes a record of the content of the
23 communication available to the public on the commission's website.

24 (II) The commission, each member of the commission, ~~the~~
25 ~~advisory committee, each member of the advisory committee,~~ and staff
26 are subject to open records requirements as provided in part 2 of article
27 72 of title 24, as amended, or any successor statute; except that plans in

1 draft form and not submitted to the commission are not public records
2 subject to disclosure. Work product and communications among staff
3 ~~members of the advisory committee~~, and between staff SERVING IN THEIR
4 ROLE AS STAFF TO THE COMMISSION and ~~the advisory committee~~ A
5 MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION OR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
6 are subject to disclosure once a plan is adopted by the board of county
7 commissioners.

8 (III) Persons who contract for or receive compensation for
9 advocating to the commission, to one or more members of the
10 commission, ~~to the advisory committee, to one or more members of the~~
11 ~~advisory committee~~, or to staff for the adoption or rejection of any plan,
12 amendment to a plan, mapping approach, or manner of compliance with
13 any of the mapping criteria specified in section 30-10-306.3 are lobbyists
14 who must disclose to the secretary of state any compensation contracted
15 for, compensation received, and the person or entity contracting or paying
16 for their lobbying services. Such disclosure must be made no later than
17 seventy-two hours after the earlier of each instance of such lobbying or
18 any payment of such compensation. The secretary of state shall publish
19 on the secretary of state's website or comparable means of communicating
20 with the public the names of such lobbyists, as well as the compensation
21 received and the persons or entities for whom they work within
22 twenty-four hours of receiving such information. The secretary of state
23 shall adopt rules to facilitate the complete and prompt reporting required
24 by this subsection (4)(b)(III) as well as a complaint process to address any
25 lobbyist's failure to report a full and accurate disclosure. ~~which complaint~~
26 ~~must be heard by an administrative law judge, whose decision may be~~
27 ~~appealed to the court of appeals~~

1 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-306.3, **amend**
2 (1) introductory portion, (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(d), (4) introductory portion,
3 and (5); and **add (6)** as follows:

4 **30-10-306.3. Criteria for determination of county**
5 **commissioner districts - definitions.**

6 (1) In ~~adopting~~ APPROVING a county commissioner district
7 redistricting plan, the commission shall:

8 (3) (a) (I) ~~Thereafter~~ AFTER COMPLYING WITH SUBSECTIONS (1)
9 AND (2) OF THIS SECTION, the commission shall, to the extent reasonably
10 possible, maximize the number of politically competitive districts.

11 (II) (A) TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION
12 (3)(a), THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT A COMPOSITE FORMULA THAT
13 GENERATES A COMPETITIVENESS MEASURE EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE
14 TO MEASURE DISTRICT ~~COMPETITIVENESS AND MAY ALSO ADOPT OTHER~~
15 ~~MEASURES OF DISTRICT COMPETITIVENESS.~~

16 (B) ~~AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS BEFORE ADOPTING A~~
17 ~~COMPOSITE FORMULA OR OTHER MEASURE OF COMPETITIVENESS,~~ THE
18 COMMISSION SHALL MAKE THE COMPOSITE FORMULA OR OTHER MEASURE
19 ~~OF COMPETITIVENESS~~ AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND SHALL PROVIDE THE
20 PUBLIC SUFFICIENT TIME TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE COMPOSITE
21 FORMULA.

22 (C) USING THE RESULTS OF THE COMPOSITE FORMULA OR OTHER
23 ~~MEASURE OF COMPETITIVENESS~~ IT ADOPTED, THE COMMISSION SHALL
24 FIRST ATTEMPT TO MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER OF HIGHLY COMPETITIVE
25 DISTRICTS AND THEN ATTEMPT TO MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER OF
26 MODERATELY COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS.

27 _____ (c) When the commission approves a plan, the staff ~~or~~

1 ~~advisory committee~~ shall, within seventy-two hours of such action, make
2 publicly available, and include in the commission's record, a report to
3 demonstrate how the plan reflects the evidence presented to, and the
4 findings concerning, the extent to which competitiveness in district
5 elections is fostered consistent with the other criteria set forth in this
6 section.

7 (d) ~~For purposes of this subsection (3)~~; AS USED IN THIS
8 SUBSECTION (3), UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

9 (I) "Competitive" means having a reasonable potential for the
10 party affiliation of the district's county commissioner to change at least
11 once between federal decennial censuses. Competitiveness may be
12 measured by factors such as a proposed district's past election results, a
13 proposed district's political party registration data, and evidence-based
14 analyses of proposed districts.

15 (II) "COMPOSITE FORMULA" MEANS A FORMULA THAT AVERAGES
16 THE MARGIN OF VICTORY ACROSS THE MOST REPRESENTATIVE
17 COMBINATION OF NATIONAL, STATEWIDE, OR LOCAL ELECTIONS, AS
18 DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, TO DETERMINE A DISTRICT'S
19 COMPETITIVENESS MEASURE EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.

20 (III) "HIGHLY COMPETITIVE DISTRICT" MEANS A DISTRICT WITH A
21 COMPETITIVENESS MEASURE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO NEGATIVE FIVE
22 PERCENT AND LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO FIVE PERCENT.

23 (IV) "MARGIN OF VICTORY" MEANS, FOR AN ELECTION, THE
24 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST FOR THE
25 CANDIDATE OF THE STATE'S LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY AND THE
26 PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST FOR THE CANDIDATE OF THE STATE'S SECOND
27 LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY.

1 (V) "MODERATELY COMPETITIVE DISTRICT" MEANS A DISTRICT
2 WITH A COMPETITIVENESS MEASURE EITHER GREATER THAN FIVE PERCENT
3 AND LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO TEN PERCENT, OR LESS THAN NEGATIVE FIVE
4 PERCENT AND GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO NEGATIVE TEN PERCENT.

5 (4) No plan may be approved by the ~~board of county~~
6 ~~commissioners or the~~ commission if the plan:

7 (5) So long as the commission has complied with the requirements
8 of subsections (1) through (4) of this section, in ~~adopting~~ APPROVING a
9 county commissioner redistricting plan, the commission may consider
10 congressional districts, state house of representative districts, and state
11 senate districts ~~in order~~ to minimize the number of necessary voting
12 precincts in a county.

13 (6) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY DIRECT THE
14 COMMISSION TO MODIFY A PROPOSED PLAN IF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
15 COMMISSIONERS IDENTIFIES ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN THAT DO NOT COMPLY
16 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND WHY THOSE ELEMENTS OF
17 THE PLAN DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

18 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-10-306.4, **amend**
19 (1)(b), (1)(d), (1)(e), (1)(g), and (2) as follows:

20 **30-10-306.4. Deadlines for preparation, amendment, and**
21 **approval of plans.**

22 (1) The board of county commissioners shall establish deadlines
23 to ensure that the board of county commissioners shall adopt a plan for
24 the redrawing of county commissioner districts no later than September
25 30 of the redistricting year. These deadlines must include dates by which
26 the following must be accomplished:

27 (b) The appointment of staff ~~and an advisory committee~~ as needed

1 to assist the commission and the acquisition of all necessary resources to
2 enable the commission to begin its work, in accordance with section
3 30-10-306.2 (1);

4 (d) The submission of written comments to staff ~~or an advisory~~
5 ~~committee~~ by any member of the public and any member of the
6 commission on the creation of not less than three plans for county
7 commissioner districts, created by staff ~~or an advisory committee~~ alone,
8 and on communities of interest that require representation in one or more
9 specific areas of the county. Staff ~~or an advisory committee~~ shall consider
10 such comments in creating the plans, and such comments shall be part of
11 the record of the commission's activities and proceedings. Staff ~~and the~~
12 ~~advisory committee~~ shall keep each plan confidential until it is published
13 online or by a comparable means of communicating with the public using
14 generally available technologies. The commission may provide direction
15 for the development of these plans through the adoption of standards,
16 guidelines, or methodologies to which staff ~~and the advisory committee~~
17 shall adhere; including standards, guidelines, or methodologies to be used
18 to evaluate a plan's competitiveness, consistent with ~~section 30-10-306.3~~
19 ~~(3)~~(d) SECTION 30-10-306.3 (3).

20 (e) The creation, presentation to the commission, and publishing
21 online of the plans. At public hearings at which the plans are presented,
22 staff ~~or an advisory committee~~ shall explain how the plans were created,
23 how the plans address the categories of public comments received, and
24 how the plans comply with the criteria prescribed in section 30-10-306.3.

25 (g) The request by any member of the commission or group of
26 members of the commission for staff ~~or an advisory committee~~ to prepare
27 additional plans or amendments to plans. Any such request must be made

1 in a public hearing of the commission but does not require commission
2 approval.

3 (2) The commission may adjust the deadlines specified in
4 subsection (1) of this section, if conditions outside of the commission's
5 control require such an adjustment to ensure that the board of county
6 commissioners can approve a plan for the redrawing of county
7 commissioner districts no later than September 30 of the redistricting year
8 OR IF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DIRECTED THE COMMISSION
9 TO ADJUST A PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-10-306.3 (6).

10 **SECTION 8. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
11 **applicability.**

12 (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the
13 expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general
14 assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026);
15 except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of
16 article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or
17 part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will
18 not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be
19 held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of
20 the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

21 (2) This act applies to the adoption of a county commissioner
22 district redistricting plan that occurs after the effective date of this act and
23 does not require the adjustment or readoption of a county commissioner
24 district redistricting plan that has been adopted as of the effective date of
25 this act.