

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to establish a legislative management redistricting committee, to provide for
2 the implementation of a legislative redistricting plan, and to provide for a special legislative
3 session; and to declare an emergency.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE - SPECIAL**

6 **LEGISLATIVE SESSION.** The chairman of the legislative management shall appoint a
7 committee to develop a legislative redistricting plan to be implemented in time for use in the
8 2012 primary election. The committee must consist of an equal number of members from the
9 senate and the house of representatives and the chairman of the legislative management shall
10 appoint members based upon the recommendations of the majority leaders of the senate and
11 the house of representatives. The committee shall ensure that any legislative redistricting plan
12 submitted to the legislative assembly for consideration must be of compact and contiguous
13 territory and conform to all constitutional requirements with respect to population equality. The
14 committee may adopt additional constitutionally recognized redistricting guidelines and
15 principles to implement in preparing a legislative redistricting plan for submission to the
16 legislative assembly. The committee shall submit a redistricting plan and legislation to
17 implement the plan to the legislative management by October 31, 2011. The governor shall call
18 a special session of the legislative assembly pursuant to section 7 of article V of the
19 Constitution of North Dakota to allow the legislative assembly to adopt a redistricting plan to be
20 implemented in time for use in the 2012 primary election and to address any other issue that
21 may be necessary, including consideration of legislation in response to federal health care
22 reform legislation.

23 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

